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W F [illegible] Secy

I O O F—Smethport Lodge No. 389 meets [illegible] o'clock in I O O F Hall [illegible]
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When [illegible]
And [illegible]
My spirit [illegible]
—G. [illegible] in Century.

A STRONG MAN.

The weekly coach was due at South City, and all the inhabitants were eagerly awaiting its arrival. The Diggers' Arms was, as usual crowded, and against its hospitable walls lounged those unable to get in. Suddenly a crack, loud and reverberating, sounded in the clear mountain air, and with a whoop and a rattle the great coach lumbered up.

The driver, a lanky Yankee, who knew his [illegible] as well as he did his horses, shouted [illegible] North City [illegible]

"A what!" [illegible] of their own [illegible]

"A real live [illegible], an', what's more, [illegible] turned the old saloon into a meeting house."

There was a long standing feud between North City and South City, which dated from the first gold rush, and many and varied were the tactics that the rival towns had enacted to "go one better" than the other.

All looked toward Texas Joe, an old and tough miner, who by a brevity of speech and a quick use of his gun had long held the perilous position of dictator to the neighborhood.

No one spoke—indeed no one quite cared to. At length the oracle, shifting his plug from one cheek to the other, said: "Pass the word that there'll be a meeting here of all the boys at 6 sharp. It ain't to be allowed that a single shove ahead will be like North City is to the same out of us. No, sir, it ain't hardly."

Long before 6 the whole adult population was collected near the saloon, and it was clear that no room would hold the crowd. Finally an open air meeting was proposed and carried—motions moved by Texas Joe generally were—and the dictator took the "barrel."

"Men of South City," he began, "you all know why this here meeting is called. We have been made fools of by the people away yonder," waving his hand northward, "and it ain't to be. They have been presumptuous enough to get a parson, as if the inhabitants of these parts were either deacons or parsons, and are crowing about it up and down. Now I ain't never been no that mean, still I say," bringing his heel down on the barrel to emphasize his words, "that it's a real disgrace to us that we ain't got a parson too. Now, what I say is this. North City have got a parson. South City will have one too. They have got a traveling one, we'll have a man of our own—a chap what's got some education. That'll fix 'em up, you bet."

A redhaired Cornishman, who hated Joe, ventured to say "I vote we have a good chapel man, he'll be a sight cheaper and will be more of our own way of thinking."

"Now, by heaven, you dry up. 'Piscopal's I know, Catholics I know, but I know nothing and care less about fancy religions, and we'll have one from the bottom or we'll have none at all." A chorus of approving voices showed that Joe had the ear of the meeting, and the Cornishman sulkily drew back.

"Now, it can't be done without money. I ain't got much, still I'll give $50," said the chairman. "I'll give $50" "I give $10" "Here, take my dust" "Here's for the skyscraper" were heard on all sides, and amid a scene of wild excitement Texas Joe, after counting the collection on the barrel head, said, "We'll have the best there is to be got—we've got $400." He beamed on the crowd and saw gentle assent [illegible] on every face in front of him

Then, with a queer smile on his face, Trelawney pushed his way to the front and said: "I call that a good start, and now all we've got to do is to write to Frisco for them as sure to be a lot there who will send us up the man we want. I vote that the chairman write and see to the whole job." A dead pause followed this, for almost every man knew that Joe could neither read nor write. He rose slowly, with his pistol in his hand.

"Now, look here, mates, there's a kind of nasty twang about the last speaker's remarks that I don't like. I ain't a pushing man, but of course I'll write if Mr. Trelawney wants me to. Say, do you now?" he turned looking intently at the Cornishman as he did so.

The crowd fell away on all sides, for the air seemed a little heavy.

"No Perhaps young Greg, the last tenderfoot, had better write it. We oughtn't to put it all on you, Joe. No offense," he muttered.

"Ah," said Joe, "just as you like. Now, Greg, get paper and a pen." The crowd gathered again. "Give the boy room. Now just you write." With admiration the miners listened while Joe dictated the following letter:

[illegible]

"Now, boys," said Joe, "it's my shout."

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South City was in a fix. The miners, unusually clean, were waiting for the arrival of the man who was to fairly knock North City. Their hopes had been raised to a high pitch by the receipt of a letter from San Francisco informing them that a real strong man was coming up to put them in the way they should go.

Joe had suggested a salvo of pistols as a welcome, but it was feared that such a reception was open to misconception, and the subject dropped.

The empty saloon, which had been taken as a temporary church, was as clean as whitewash and soap could make it and only wanted the presence of the parson to make it complete.

The excitement grew intense as the hour drew near when the coach was due, culminating in a mighty cheer when the driver finally pulled up opposite the saloon. Several passengers got down, but no one answering to the description of a strong man left the coach.

"[illegible]" Texas Joe said to the driver, "Say, where's your parson?"

"[illegible]

[illegible]

His face was so boyish, his hair so curly and such an air of sincerity and truth [illegible] that the miners, at heart deeply disappointed, felt their hearts go out to him

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One sultry afternoon the parson of South City was sitting in his room, a prey to the deepest gloom. With all the eagerness of youth and zeal could supply he had done his best to raise his people, and he had failed and he knew it. He saw his miners, at first shamefacedly and then openly, stay away from his [illegible] church, and his heart was sick within him. He was wondering if it were worth while staying on when his door was suddenly opened and a woman, disheveled and wild eyed, rushed in

"Oh, parson, save my boy!" she gasped and sank on to a chair, breathless with her haste.

"Why, Mrs Mace, what on earth is the matter? Is your son ill?" he asked eagerly.

"No, no, he ain't ill, but he's worse [illegible] the men are going to hang [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] calling, [illegible] around, [illegible]

[illegible] incorporated as he was in [illegible] of a front or camp the par[illegible] stealing was one of the [illegible] and his face grew pale [illegible]

"I'm afraid, Mrs. Mace, that if the men have decided to hang your son no word of mine would stay them."

"And you, a minister, to say that to me, a mother! Why, it's none the less murder, and you know it! Oh, sir," she pleaded, "there's yet time to catch them up! For God's sake, whose word you preach, try and save my boy! Will no one help a poor mother?" She wept bitterly, while the parson in imagination felt himself defying the mob, and also in imagination saw the ghastly tragedy that would ensue on his interference.

"Come, Mrs. Mace, let us go and hurry, and perhaps we may do some good." Seizing his hat, he ran from the room and followed the crowd of men whom he saw were making for a tree about half a mile out of town. When he finally caught up to them, all the grim preparations were made for the execution. The rope was around the shivering youth's neck. Six stalwart men held the loose end, ready at a signal to launch the criminal into eternity. With his boyish face flushed with excitement the parson pressed to the front and stood side by side with the man about to die. A silence fell on the throng, broken by Texas Joe, who said: "Now, parson, this ain't no place for you. Judge Lynch has had his say, and Jim Mace is going to be hanged, and that's so."

"And who are you to take upon yourself to judge and to execute? Don't scowl at me and finger your gun, for I'm an unarmed man, and you know it. Have not you enough blood on your hands already without killing this boy who has broken your laws? Give him one more chance, and you may be glad your [illegible] of it one day."

The fury that occasionally comes over men of [illegible] defying the [illegible] to daunt [illegible] the rope and it [illegible] Mace's neck.

Joe saw his authority trembling in [illegible] pistol raised said, "[illegible] him out of the way, boys, or I'll shoot him where he stands."

"No, you won't, Joe," said the parson undauntedly. "You know that would be murder, and they don't love you too much, even here, to stand that."

No one spoke for a moment, then the Cornishman, Trelawney, shouted out "A life for a life! If the parson wants Mace to live, let him be hanged in [illegible]

The mob shrank from this cold blooded proposal, and, seizing the psychological moment, the parson slipped the halter from Mace's neck, placed it round his own and said: "Go, my lad; turn over a new leaf and leave this town. Go, and God bless you!"

The crowd opened, and Mace stumbled away, looking neither to the right nor left, leaving his rescuer standing with moving lips in his place

Then Texas Joe said, with an odd break in his voice for which he could not account: "Say, boys—there ain't going to be no funeral today, you bet! Take off that necktie, parson, and I calculate South City will have to do with out you in the future. We wrote to Frisco for a strong parson, and may the Almighty strike me dead if you ain't a bit too strong for us. Give us yer fist, parson, and"—significantly—"good by."—St. Paul's.

Appreciation of American Swells.

And the Englishman said: "Our aristocracy, with their airs and assumptions, were inherited by us. They are, in the main, about 1,000 years old. Yours are the manufacture of yesterday. You have women over there in New York and Boston and Philadelphia and even Chicago, who strike us as mighty droll. Why not? Because, in plain terms, we can't help considering them brummagem imitations of our own dames, march en dame, countess, etc. What would you resent our judgment? Wouldn't you purchase a Sevres cup or a Dresden plate if you thought it spurious? And is not your attempt at playing at an aristocracy the most spurious one under [illegible]? We don't, not all, respect our own [illegible] and [illegible] but we permit them to exist and often to make [illegible] I [illegible] thing a good deal more) because they are plants in [illegible] because feudalism and superstition brought them upon us—because to do away with them would entail a revolution, shaking our country to its roots.

"It is a fact that we jeer at the men of our own land who gain [illegible]. We are in spirit far more democratic than you. Our society, as it exists today, is a vast concourse of gentlefolk. You have no society, so far as we can learn, you have only a collection of plutocrats [illegible], and these, if we are not [illegible], have pushed to the wall even [illegible] vague claims to [illegible] here [illegible] your New York, where the family [illegible] your early Dutch [illegible] (plain and ordinary [illegible] even as late as 60 years ago, have been superseded by such upstart [illegible] bold and fancy human products of your railroad and mining gamestand."—Collier's Weekly.

A Diabolical Scheme.

First Poet—I'm going to have my revenge upon the editor.

Second Poet—How?

First Poet (in hoarse whisper)—I've sent him a poem and I've refused the [illegible] envelope.—London [illegible]

[illegible]

CHEYENNE.

Have you [illegible] to Cheyenne?
[illegible]
The [illegible]
You [illegible] face
Of the [illegible]
[illegible] town,
[illegible]
As the home of [illegible]

Empty bottles and gravel
[illegible] and cans,
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] the hot wind that fans
The [illegible] plain. Going back
To the bottle and can,
I was broke in Cheyenne.

Years after I sat
In the manager's car
As it slid [illegible] the steel
Trail with never a jar,
And out train orders ran
Us by way of Cheyenne.

What a wonderful change
Had come over the place!
Oh, the women were fair!
[illegible]
Just the line of the [illegible]
And the [illegible] were soft,
And the [illegible] quaffed—
Well [illegible] there.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
—Cy W[illegible]

MRS. HUGHES' COOK.

"Betty, Mrs. Hughes is in such a state! That immaculate new cook of hers has decamped with a lot of money, not to speak of a brand new Parisian ball gown! I've just seen her—Mrs Hughes, I mean—and her face was a study!"

Nell paused to laugh, and Betty Lovell looked up from the dainty toque she was trimming to ask amusedly.

"Wasn't she awfully angry? Why, it was only last week she called here and extolled her to the skies—farther, if possible! Luckily she offers high wages, so she can easily find another."

"Ah, there's where the cream of the joke comes in. Don't you know she is entertaining Major Lorimer—the Major Lorimer—at dinner tonight? He is passing through Woodthorpe on his way to the Carews for the regimental ball. Mrs Hughes is an old friend—so she says—so he's staying a couple of days with them. She's got all the eatables in the house for the meals, and can't get any one to cook them! Isn't it rich?"

Betty rose suddenly, to the great detriment of the toque, a lovely rose flush rising in her pretty cheeks, her eyes sparkling.

"Nell I've an idea!" she said solemnly. "I am going to cook that dinner if I perish in the attempt."

"Betty, are you quite mad?" incredulously. "What will Mrs. Hughes think? And if any one saw you you'd never hear the end of it, and father would be wild if he knew."

"I don't care," Betty said stoutly. "I want the money, Mrs. Hughes wants her dinner decently cooked. Why shouldn't we mutually oblige each other? Besides, it would buy me a new gown for the ball. My pink crepon is too disgracefully shabby for anything!"

An hour later saw her hard at work in Mrs. Hughes' well arranged kitchen, ordering, making, mixing as fast as her little hands could go. Her harassed employer had seized upon her offer with avidity, and the maids falling into the spirit of the thing, all bade fair to go smoothly.

Betty had not overrated her capabilities. Each dish was sent up perfectly cooked, garnished and served piping hot, and she gave herself no rest till the tiny cups of black coffee had been safely dispatched upstairs and her evening's work was done.

She had scarcely slipped out of her big apron and sleeves when Mrs. Hughes herself came rustling down stairs, with a beaming smile on her fat face.

"Miss Lovell, you're a genius," she cried fussily. "The dinner was perfect—perfect! Tomorrow night—is it too much to expect? I could wire to town, of course"—

"Do you mean you'd like me to come again?" Betty asked good naturedly. "I am quite willing to do so. After all, it is a mutual convenience."

Accordingly, though sorely against Nell's will, Betty again presented herself at the court, but earlier in the afternoon. Finding herself destitute of parsley, and no one about to fetch it, she decided to be her own messenger, and, running hastily round a corner of the precious kitchen garden, she collided heavily with some one at the other side.

"Good heavens! I—I hope I haven't hurt you," a man's deep voice asked concernedly. And Betty lifted up her eyes to find herself face to face with a tall, soldierly man about 30, whose handsome eyes met hers anxiously.

"I—oh, not at all, thank you," she murmured confusedly. "It was my fault. I—I never dreamed you would be here."

"I'm afraid I came pretty heavily against you. Were you looking for anything?"

"Yes," Betty said, intensely conscious of her pink cotton frock and large linen apron, "I came for some parsley. I—I'm Mrs Hughes' cook, you know."

"Indeed. May I help you?" gravely. And in a moment Betty beheld Major Lorimer—the hero, the gallant V. C.—stooping to gather enough parsley to stock a regiment.

"Thank you very much, and—and good afternoon."

"Good afternoon, and—in case I have hurt you"—

[illegible] something into her hand, and [illegible]

[illegible] the innermost recesses of the garden [illegible] her hand and with [illegible] blush and stifled laugh gazed long on its contents, for in her palm lay a bright, shining goldpiece.

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The [illegible] ball was at its height. To Betty Lovell it was just one long dream of delight, and her pleasure [illegible] a culminating point when [illegible] approached her, in his rear one vividly remembered figure, and Captain [illegible] said:

"[illegible] Lovell, Major Lorimer desires the [illegible] of your acquaintance. Major Lorimer—Miss Lovell."

Betty bowed, a wave of color dyeing her fair face crimson. Would he recognize her? She dared not raise her eyes as he [illegible].

"[illegible] I too late for the honor of a dance? Are you engaged for the next?"

"I [illegible], but my partner has been com[illegible] to take an important dowager into supper. You—you may have it, if you wish."

"I thank you!"

His voice was perfectly level and composed, and Betty took courage. Why should he remember a cook? On the strength of this assurance, she looked at him swiftly as he placed his arm lightly around her waist, but his eyes were fixed on her face with a curiously in[illegible] and she lowered [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] he answered quietly. "I had [illegible] leaving tomorrow, but now—I cannot say. Shall we sit down?"

He led the way to a delicious little corner framed in by palms and cut off altogether from the laughing crowd beyond. Sinking into a cushioned lounge, she opened her fan lazily. The handle caught and brought into prominence a thin gold chain she wore round her white throat, but at the end, instead of the heart which fashion decrees, dangled a gold coin, gleaming brightly in the lamplight. She made a hasty movement to thrust it out of sight, but his eyes had fallen upon it. Leaning forward abruptly, he took it between his fingers.

"A curious ornament, is it not?" he asked searchingly. "Surely it must have some special interest to be far honored."

"Oh, it has!" she said demurely. "It was once given me as—a tip!"

His eyes lighted up. "Ah, then—you are indeed [illegible]

"She? Who?" innocently.

"Don't [illegible] me! You know—I'll swear [illegible] I recognized you at once [illegible] there cannot be two such faces in the world! Tell me, did you not [illegible] act as—as Mrs Hughes' cook?"

[illegible] peal of laughter [illegible] in her face.

"I did [illegible] own"—[illegible] well for her!"

Then frankly she told him the story, adding "I was awfully hard up—we always are, we Lovells—and it seemed a heaven sent chance. You [illegible], I never dreamed I should see you!"

"No, so you said," laughing gayly. "Shall I make a confession? I sounded Mrs Hughes all I knew to learn something more about you, but the old lady was as discreet as a Hindoo idol. I could get nothing out of her and departed rather out of temper, I'm afraid. I did not know"—slowly—"when I should see you again."

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It was ten days later, and they were strolling idly among the roses in the Lovells' big, old fashioned garden, Betty holding one or two buds in her hand.

He was speaking quickly, earnestly. "I can't stand it any longer, Betty. That fellow is always hanging round you, and it makes me wild. I'm jealous—madly jealous!"

"Are you?" Betty asked shyly. "Why?"

"Because I love you—have always loved you since the moment I saw you. Be my wife, darling! I swear I'll love you and be good to you till I die!"

"Even if you weren't," Betty whispered breathlessly, "I should love you just the same—always!"

Then, as he caught her in his arms and kissed her, she added demurely:

"And I'll have that goldpiece framed!"—Forget Me Not

AN ANIMATED PICTURE.

At Least the Other Women Said She Wanted to Be Stared At

This girl had the nickel between her pretty lips before she stepped aboard the car at the corner of Eleventh and I streets. The nickel was [illegible] part of her shopping change. Her [illegible] and arms were filled with bundles and packages, and she had no doubt converted her inviting mouth into a car fare receptable before leaving the last emporium she visited. Even after she found a seat she made no move to remove the [illegible] from its enviable lodgment. She was too busy counting her packages and bundles, to see if she had lost any, probably.

The conductor as the girl got aboard had scowled when he observed the nickel resting between her pearly teeth, for conductors are prosaic. With the coin still showing its shiny rim between her lips—a delightful effect of silver and coral in combination—the girl looked up winsomely in the eyes of the conductor when he approached her for her fare. The conductor held out his hand with a pretty short, "Fare miss!"

The girl very carefully set each and every one of her bundles and packages in the space beside her, smiling vaguely the while. When both of her hands were free she drew a tiny spotless lace handkerchief from the lizard skin bag hanging from her girdle. Then she took the 5 cent piece from between her lips, wiped and polished it carefully with the handkerchief and, with the prettiest grimace in the world, dropped it into the now apologetic paw of the conductor. The conductor smiled, and so did all of the man passengers on the car.

The woman passengers murmured to each other that the pretty girl had only done the thing "for effect."—Washington Post

Scientific Farming.

An agricultural editor of Chicago made a trip into southern California where he confidently expected to astonish the natives with his superior knowledge of scientific and successful farming. He had stretched things considerably one evening with a view to making a stronger impression, when one of the old residents, who spoke slowly and had a squint in his right eye, took charge of the conversation.

"I s'pose you hain't heerd o' my peach brandy orchard, mister. I reckon that's bout scientific as anything you been tellin us 'bout. I got a certain way o' treatin them trees so that I tap 'em in th' spring, just same's you do a maple tree, an by bottlin up th' sap fur six months I have th' finest peach brandy you ever put down your swallow. That's kerect, an I have a neighbor as kinder lays over me in farmin. He's 'sperimented an develuped a punkin pie punkin. He tangled up milkweed, sugar cane, eggplant, water cress an some spice plants till he got th' thing to suit th' taste, an now all you have ter do is to bile th' fruit an make your crust. He's got more boardin house orders than he kin fill in 1,000 years. Just now I'm turnin my 'tention to th' raisin o' apple dumplin's, an I think by next year I kin"—

But here the agricultural editor gasped for breath and the old resident called another old resident to help get the visitor to his hotel.—Detroit Free Press

Soup, Savory Soup.

No up to date cook prepares the stock from which her dinner soup is made the day the soup is needed. Stock for at least a week's supply should be made at once, then the preparation of the daily dinner soup will not occupy more than 15 or 25 minutes. When consomme is served several times in the week the entire amount used is made at once, and the different garnishes are added the day it is served. It is the same with sauces, and by a little calculation a good manager can easily discover about what proportion of each sauce is necessary for a month's supply. This once prepared, the table is revolutionized so that the sameness that characterizes the plain roast and broiled meats is no longer known. A new sauce each day gives an entirely different flavor to the meats and vegetables.—New York Tribune.

A Broad Hint.

Visitor—[illegible] Miss [illegible] at home?
Servant—[illegible]
Visitor—Why, [illegible] has just come in! I saw her
Servant—Yes, sir, and she saw you too.—Nuggets.

THE POET AND THE CHILDREN.

With a glory of winter sunshine
Over his locks of gray
In the [illegible] mansion
He sat on his last birthday

With his books and his pleasant pictures
And his household and his kin
While a sound as of myriads singing
From far and near stole in

It came from his own fair city
From the prairie's boundless plain,
From the Golden Gate of sunset
And the cedarn woods of Maine

And his heart grew warm within him,
And his moistening eyes grew dim
For he knew that his country's children
Were singing the songs of him

The lays of his life's glad morning,
The psalms of his evening time,
Whose echoes shall float forever
On the winds of every clime

All their beautiful consolations
Sent forth like birds of cheer
Came flocking back to his windows
And sang in the poet's ear

Grateful but solemn and tender,
The music rose and fell
With a joy akin to sadness
And a greeting like farewell

With a sense of awe he listened
To the voices sweet and young
The last of earth and the first of heaven
Seemed in the songs they sung

And waiting a little longer
For the wonderful change to come,
He heard the summoning angel
Who calls God's children home!

And to him in a holier welcome
Was the mystical meaning given
Of the words of the blessed Master,
"Of such is the kingdom of heaven."
—John G. Whittier.

AN ABDUCTION.

In the absence of Jules, Mme Champonnet's one female domestic, Melanie, serving in this bourgeois household in the double capacity of cook and chambermaid opened the door to Raoul de Malplaquet and ushered him into the salon

"My mistress," she said, "will be down in a minute."

A minute? Yes, but such a minute as one only experiences in hairdressers' or barbers' shops, and which enabled Raoul to completely inventory the furniture of the room in which he found himself while the hands of the clock were making the round of the dial

On the stroke of the half hour, in fact Mme Champonnet appeared, hot, flushed, breathless with the speed of the toilet she had made

"Your pardon, monsieur, for keeping you so long, also, as I do not know you at all, for asking you the object of your calling here."

Raoul rose to his feet

"Madame," said he solemnly "to come to the point at once, you have a daughter, Mlle Georgette, I believe She is charming."

"She is, monsieur."

"So charming that it only remained for me to see her once to know that it is useless for me to attempt to resist the passion with which she has inspired me. I am cursed, you see, madame, with a most impressionable nature."—

"You have come, then, monsieur, to ask of me the hand of my daughter in marriage?"

"But, no, not at all, madame. Impressionist though I be, I am also a poet and could not reconcile myself to the idea of marriage in the vulgar, prosaic fashion of nowadays. I am here, madame to ask your permission to—abduct your daughter."

"To abduct Georgette! You are mad, monsieur!"

"With love—I confess it!"

"But no, no, I tell you. Your proposition is simply preposterous."

"But reasonable, all the same, madame, since I simply loathe conventionality and seek my happiness in an individual way. I love your daughter. I prove it by wishing to abduct her. If she on her part permits herself to be abducted, it establishes beyond cavil her profound love for me. We become at once, madame with your permission, the talk of the town."

"Exactly, and I do not like scandal."

"But fame is not scandal, madame, and see—always with your consent—how easy it will be. We rush to the station; we leap aboard a sleeping car, we dash into Spain, that land of chivalry and of flowering orange trees, and there, at midnight, by the light of the moon we marry clandestinely."—

"Which is just what I object to, I tell you, monsieur."

"Marry clandestinely, I repeat, in some obscure little chapel, dimly lighted by a single taper. The romance ends, you observe, madame, in the most orthodox manner."

"But Georgette herself—she will never consent, monsieur. Abduct a girl like her, with every accomplishment and suitors by the score!"

"Granted, madame, but ask her and see! Your daughter, as the Comtesse de Malplaquet"—

"Eh? What name did you say, monsieur?"

"Comtesse de Malplaquet. Furthermore, madame, I would add that I waive the payment of that 10,000 francs that you have put aside as your daughter's dowry. My own fortune is amply sufficient, my income, alone, 200,000 francs a year. You will, my dearest lady, you will permit me to abduct Georgette whom I truly adore?"

Comtesse de Malplaquet! Two hundred thousand francs a year!

Mme Champonnet began to soften.

"But wait, but wait, you go too fast, monsieur," said she. "You spring up in my way like a Jack in the box! Your credentials, your references please, for after all, understand, I do not know you."

"Credentials? Certainly madame, a perfectly proper precaution. My notary Maitre Piton 18 Rue Bonjard will put you au courant of my entire history."

"And Georgette—she does not know you, monsieur."

"Wrong again, madame. I saw her at the vaudeville some days ago, and she responded to the ardor of my gaze with a sympathetic blush. Ask her, madame, ask her if I may abduct her. I desire no more."

"Well, so be it, monsieur. I have only the interest of my child at heart. Six days from today, then, return for your answer."

"Six days from today, madame."

Raoul bowed and departed.

Raoul, Comte de Malplaquet, had really been, up to this hour—so Maitre Piton, 18 Rue Bonjard, said, whose income was large from his care of the comte's estate, and larger still from his care of his morals according, that is, to the report he gave of them—a young man of the steadiest habits, wholly ignorant of the taste of absinth—in his bitters, at least—his fortune a reality briefly, a rara avis in the matrimonial market.

It was only this crazy abduction scheme of his that worried good Mme Champonnet, with her old fashioned way of regarding things. Still, after all it was merely a pretense, the foolish notion of a romantic lover a mock abduction. In truth, since she, forewarned of it was an accomplice in it.

Then the title of countess and 20,000 francs a year falling to the lot of a descendant of the hardware trade certainly merited some little concession in the way of maternal scruples.

She decided to lay the whole matter before Georgette.

"Abduct me," cried she, "like a real Lochinvar! Why, mother, how charming!"

"And you are sure, you are sure, Georgette," the mother continued, determined to do her whole duty to her child, "that you have observed this gentleman sufficiently to be certain that he will be agreeable to you?"

"Observed him sufficiently when he has followed me like my shadow every day for a month past!"

Naturally, therefore, when Raoul arrived promptly to the moment at the appointed hour there remained only the preliminaries to settle for the affair.

"Which will take place, madame," Raoul concluded, "on Friday next at the midnight hour."—

"The hour of crime!"

"For me the hour of happiness. On Friday then, I say at 11.30 p. m., I stop under your window. The sound of a mandolin played by me will be the signal. The door latch will be up, and you will be sleeping—like the dead, madame. Georgette will descend, we spring to the carriage, I'll have it in waiting, gallop to the station, jump aboard the rapide and next day find ourselves the leading article in the morning papers. You, by noon, will be interviewed by all the reporters of the city visited and condoled with by all your enemies, and a day or two later will receive from us a letter detailing our happiness. Now as I have still many things to do before my departure, I bid you au revoir."

"Without seeing Georgette?"

"To see a girl I am going to abduct would be improper, madame."

And Raoul, the case won, withdrew.

On Friday then at midnight, the abduction as arranged came off. Mme. Champonnet, even by a happy forethought and an eager desire to increase the comfort of the affair having dispatched secretly, [illegible] to Raoul's address a trunk containing Georgette's handsomest and thinnest clothing, it was always so hot in Spain.

Spain! Picture then her consternation, her maternal despair to receive from—Norway a whole month, too, after the abduction had taken place, the following telegram:

"Did not go to Spain at all. Too hot. Here we are freezing. You ought to have sent a bearskin in the trunk. Not married yet. The religion here is Protestant. Tomorrow we start for Asia—to warm ourselves. We do not know the religion there."—From the French.

SHE NEVER BALKED AGAIN

Bar Harbor Man Played a Sharp Game on a Contrary Mare.

"Speaking about balky horses and the best way to cure them," said George Sperry, "I can tell you of a trick that Stephen Leland played one time and it worked like a charm—you fellers all know Steve, course you do—he lives down to Bar Harbor. Well—let's see—it was 12 years ago on the 20th day of January. You remember the heavy sleet storm—same night Leonard was married—when all the trees looked so pretty after the storm. You remember Stephen—he had a wood lot out near the foot of Green mountain, where he cut his wood winters. That year he had as handsome a pair of bay horses as ever rein drew over. The nigh one was all right in every particular but the off one had spells once in a while when she would take matters in her own way and threw up her head. You might put rocks in her ears, twist her tail, pound, whip, swear and rave as much as you liked but she would never move till she got ready.

One day I met Leland when he was hauling out the first load for the day. He told me how it worked and I told him then and there that if it was my horse I'd just [illegible] the nigh one and leave her [illegible] to the load in the woods. Th[illegible] went into the Barton with the first load all right but when the second load was [illegible] and under way things were different. At a certain place in the road up [illegible] the horse balked again. It was in just the same place where she [illegible] before. Steve was mad as a hatter. He threw off his coat and hat. He swore till the trees around [illegible]. Next he took a sapling [illegible] whipped and pounded till he [illegible] tired out. Then he sat down and [illegible]. Then he thought he'd coax the critter so he got a drink of water from a spring. She drank it. Then he asked her to go, but not a muscle would she move. Stephen fumed till he became exhausted.

"Then as he told me afterward, he took Sperry's advice—unhitched the nigh one, straddled her back and made for home, leaving the ugly contrary thing alone in the woods, hitched to a sled with a cord and a half of green wood to [illegible] it. He never so much as looked round, or said aye, yes or no, but made direct for home putting up his horse and eating his supper. He had become so disgusted that he nearly dismissed the thing from his mind. That night began with a little fine rain. It was like a cold mist and wherever it struck it froze. Then it snowed and blowed [illegible], then again it turned to rain—the queerest storm ever known on Mount Desert island. There was not a minute after 7 o'clock that evening till daylight next morning but it snowed or rained and the wind was like a double edged razor long toward morning. Every tree was three times its proper size and the ones left standing looked like the most beautiful plumes you ever see in your life. Lots of trees were broken to the ground. The telegraph wires were nearly an inch and a half in diameter covered with solid ice. Little limbs of birch and maple were like branches of coral.

"In the morning Steve took out the old horse and started back for the woods. When he got near the place where he left the horse and load he was astonished. The [illegible] was there just where she stood all night. Not the sign of a track did she make. Her legs were the size of flour barrels, her body surely three times its proper size. Her eyes and ears were hidden from view by the snow that had drifted upon her. The steam from her nostrils formed icicles that reached the ground. All in all it was the toughest sight he ever witnessed. Mr Leland at first supposed the animal was dead but after awhile he took an ax and broke the ice and let the poor critter out. She was like a chicken coming out of an egg. The coat came off in large flakes. When he hitched the nigh one on he only had to speak once and he made lively time over the icy road that morning. He kept that pair till last year when they both died.

"They never balked again."—Lewiston Journal.

Reading Character.

Dribbler—In my opinion a man who writes an illegible hand does it because he thinks people are willing to puzzle over it. In other words, he is a chunk of conceit.

Scribbler—Not always. Sometimes a man writes illegibly not because he is conceited but because he is modest.

Dribbler—Modest? What about?

Scribbler—About his spelling.—New York Weekly.

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[illegible]—Please announce that I am a candidate for Representative in Congress in the Twenty-seventh District, subject to the rules of the Republican party and to the decision of the district conference.

HERMAN H. NORTH.
Bradford, Pa., February 28, 1898.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

The daily papers are full of battles to be fought in the near future, but no blood has been shed as far as known. Wednesday three United States cruisers, the New York, Puritan and Cincinnati, bombarded the forts at Matanzas, a small harbor about 50 miles east of Havana on the northern coast of Cuba. Thirty minutes was the length of the bombardment. The fleet sustained no injury. It is reported that the fort was badly damaged and some of the Spaniards are believed to have been killed.

The chances are that ere this the fleet in the Pacific ocean has attacked the Spaniards at Manilla, the chief city of the Philippines. The Asiatic fleet consists of six war vessels besides transports, and they will no doubt be able to dispose of the Spanish fleet, located at Manilla, if they can be induced to come out into the open sea and give fair battle. It is expected, however, that the Spanish fleet will stay as near the land fortifications as possible in order to be protected from the Maine avengers.

The Spanish fleet that left Cape Verde Islands has not been heard from yet and their location is unknown. Spain put up a bluff by stating that the fleet had been sent across the ocean to bombard some of our Atlantic cities. If such had been her intention she would not have made it public. Besides Spain would not run the risk of losing her valuable fleet in attacking any of our seaboard cities, for she well knows that the harbors of all of them are full of mines that would send them to kingdom come if they would attempt to enter any of the harbors. Neither will Spain run the risk of a naval battle if it can be avoided, unless they can do so under the guns of some Spanish fortress, where, if fortunes of war should go against her, she might seek safety under the shore batteries.

The cowardly destruction of the battleship Maine has given the Spaniards the quaking heart. They feel that the whole world suspects them of treachery in that transaction. While the Spanish officials may not have had a hand in this murderous deed, there is no question but what they were cognizant of the fact and winked the other eye while the shrieks of the dying sailors who were hurled unprepared into eternity could be heard on all sides. Spanish officers may blow and bluster [illegible] they desire, but when it comes to meeting the comrades of our murdered sailors in mortal combat, it is something these blustering Dons will hesitate over for a long time. When the battle does begin it will be Uncle Sam's gallant boys who will be the aggressors.

[illegible] ROOSEVELT, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has resigned and [illegible] a cow boy regiment of [illegible]

[illegible] Uncle Sam continues gobbling [illegible] merchantmen he will soon be [illegible] do the carrying trade of the [illegible] himself.

[illegible] SECRETARY OF STATE [illegible] DAY has been appointed to [illegible] Secretary of State Sherman in [illegible] Department.

[illegible] Emory Smith, editor of [illegible] Press has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by [illegible] of Postmaster General [illegible]

[illegible] county in the State follows [illegible] of Lycoming the Prohibition convention will be a dandy [illegible] numbers go. That county [illegible] forty delegates.

[illegible] the Nashville succeeds in capturing a few more vessels loaded with [illegible] Uncle Sam will be able to [illegible] a pontoon bridge across to [illegible] march his army over to the [illegible]

[illegible] last week's Reporter Bro. Lilli [illegible] in commenting on the article in [illegible] in relation to President [illegible] and Consul General Fitz[illegible] Lee uses the following language: "[illegible] in the name of the eternal fit[illegible] things, connect these two [illegible] in this or any other sense." Mr. [illegible], please explain the meaning [illegible] italicized language.

[illegible] war excitement has taken all [illegible] ginger out of W. J. Bryan's [illegible]. He has been talking [illegible] through the "enemy's country" [illegible] his visit has not caused the [illegible] of excitement. Why he [illegible] last week showing [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible]

WASHINGTON, April 28, 1898.

President McKinley hopes that the war with Spain will be short, but he is not allowing his hope to prevent his making all necessary preparation to fight it to a victorious end, long or short. His call for 125,000 volunteers specifies that the men shall volunteer to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged, and the war revenue bill, prepared under his direction by the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which is now before Congress and which will be put through without any unnecessary loss of time, is another indication of his intention to be prepared for any emergency. It provides for an addition of $150,000,000 a year to the revenues of the country by internal revenue taxation; for the issuing of $500,000,000 in 3 per cent. bonds, to run for twenty years, or to be redeemed after ten years at the option of the government and authorizing the issuing of 3 per cent. certificates of indebtedness by the treasury for any portion of $100,000,000 that may be needed. Congress is responding to the wishes of the President in a highly creditable manner. It promptly passed the bill authorizing the formation of a volunteer army and the bill for reorganizing the regular army, which authorizes its increase to 60,000 men, and as soon as the President asked it, declared that a state of war existed.

The blockade of Havana and other Cuban ports, of which notice was given to the world in a proclamation by the President as soon as Spain virtually declared war by sending our minister away from Madrid, will be maintained until Cuba is captured, but no land operations further than the landing of a small force of marines at some place on the coast and establishing of a base of supplies for the Cuban army is contemplated until the 125,000 volunteers now being mobilized are ready for embarkation. It is impossible to say just how soon that will be—some say not more than ten days while others whose opinions are entitled to weight say it will take at least a month to get the new army into a condition to be effective—but no time is going to be wasted. The men who are to have charge of the invasion of Cuba know their business. They are not going to move until they know that they can make short work of driving the Spanish out of Cuba. They know that the men can be trained and put in proper fighting condition much better in the United States than in Cuba.

Meanwhile the people must not allow themselves to become impatient. Our navy will, while the army is getting ready, continue the work of blockading and of picking up Spanish merchant vessels, which has been so auspiciously started by the capture of valuable ships. The blockading squadron will not attack Havana for the present, unless the forts there first attack them. There are all sorts of reports as to what Spain is doing and is going to do with her warships, but it looks as though she is afraid to send her big fleet of ships to the assistance of Cuba and is keeping them on the other side of the Atlantic where their most dangerous occupation until we have captured Cuba will be the capture of American merchant ships. Our Asiatic squadron has orders which may result in a naval battle off the Philippine Islands.

Hon. Charles Emory Smith, for many years editor of the Philadelphia Press, who was nominated and confirmed as Postmaster General last week to succeed Hon. James A. Gary who resigned in consequence of bad health, took charge of the postoffice department to day. Mr. Smith needs no introduction either to the people of the country or the Republican party. His selection was a genuine surprise, but the immediate unanimous confirmation of his nomination by the Senate told that it was a pleasing one.

Another change in the cabinet may be expected any day, as Secretary Sherman's age and strength will not permit him to remain at the head of the Department of State during the trying and exciting times that war necessarily brings to the cabinet. Mr. Sherman made up his mind sometime ago to retire in favor of a younger and stronger man as soon as the war began, but up to this time President McKinley has not been able to obtain the consent of Judge Day, who as Assistant Secretary has had direct charge of everything pertaining to Cuban matters, to become Secretary. Judge Day has never had any desire for office, having accepted his present position as a personal favor to the President and with the understanding that it was only to be a temporary arrangement. That he would prefer returning to private life and the practice of his profession is well known to his friends, but they expect the persuasion of the President to prevail.

The United States will use balloons in actual military service for the first time in Cuba, although their usefulness has been fully demonstrated some time ago, by experiments in this country and by actual service in Europe. Each of the two United States armies which will be used for the invasion of Cuba will have complete balloon outfits and a corps of experts to work them. These balloons will be sent up high enough to make thorough observations in a radius of twenty-five or thirty miles and each of them will carry a signal officer to report to the commanding officer. They will, of course, be controlled from the ground by means of ropes.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The area and value of the Philippine Islands, a Spanish possession, not being generally known, we give the following description:

The Philippine Islands lie to the north of Borneo and Celebes and number more than 1,200, with an area of about 150 000 square miles. Population about 5,000,000. The two principal islands, Luzon in the north and Mindanao, or Magindanao, in the south, have an area of 51,300 and 25,000 square miles, respectively. Immense forests of ebony, ironwood, logwood, cedar, sapan-wood, gum trees, etc., spread over the islands. Fruit trees abound in great variety, such as orange, citron, bread-fruit, mango, cocoanut, guava, tamarind, rose apple, etc. The vegetable kingdom includes the banana, plantain, pineapple, sugar-cane, cotton, tobacco, indigo, coffee, cocoa, cinnamon, vanilla, cassia, the areca-nut, ginger, pepper, etc., with rice, wheat, maize and other cereals. Gold, copper, iron, coal, limestone, marble, sulphur, quicksilver vermillion and saltpeter are also found. This makes the Philippine Islands the richest and most valuable of any of the Spanish possessions.

SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN SHERMAN tendered his resignation to President McKinley last Monday morning. The venerable statesman is 75 years of age and has been in active service of the government for 44 years. He was secretary of a special commission of Congressmen sent to Kansas in 1854 to investigate the difficulties caused by pro slavery border ruffianism at that time.

THE Smiths go everywhere. At least one has got in the United States Cabinet as Postmaster General.

[illegible] Squadron has got on its [illegible]

[illegible] to the Oil City Derrick from a Reformer to W. J. Bryan shows that one man at least does not think much of the Western orator:

Franklin, April 23.

Editor Derrick:

As a comparative stranger who chanced to be sojourning in Franklin to-day, I was attracted by a special announcement that the "Boy Orator of the Platte," W. J. Bryan, would honor the citizens with an address in the court house. I regret to say that after having listened to the honorable gentleman, who aspired to the Presidency of the United States, I was more than disappointed with his puerile lucubrations. His speech, in my opinion, was more worthy of a first-class clown in a traveling circus, than that of a grand, dignified statesman, who presumed to lead the Democracy of this great country. It was a thing of shreds and patches, interlarded with irreverent Scripture texts, which made the thoughtless laugh and the judicious grieve. Alas! how are the mighty fallen from the elevated, inspiring trumpet tones of a Jackson, or Lincoln, to the iconoclism of the street corner spouter, that knows how to tickle the ears of the groundlings. Last, but not least, Mr. Bryan had a magnificent opportunity to vindicate his patriotism in the grave crisis in which the country is involved; not a word did he utter to cheer and encourage the faithful men who are trying to free Cuba from an intolerable yoke; not a word to show to the world that no matter how Americans may have been opposed on the political issues of the day, that they can smother their partizanship in front of the grave issues of war before the nation. Yet with this dark cloud in front of us, no ray of light came from him to point the way in this extremity. But after all, one could not expect any higher ideas from one who takes care to pander to the prejudices of the ignorant and thoughtless, while he is careful to seek the hospitality of those who "toil not, neither do they spin." To sum up this imperfect sketch (of a political mountebank), Mr. W. J. Bryan is a "sophistical rhetorician intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity," who can at all times command an interminable series of arguments to malign his opponents and glorify himself.

"A. M. D."

TOOK THE OATH IN CUBA.

One Vice President of the United States, says the Chicago Evening Post, took the oath of office in Havana, Cuba. William Rufus King, who was elected with Franklin Pierce in 1852, fell sick and directly after the election he was ordered to Cuba by his physicians. He went there but failed to recover in time for the inauguration. It was believed the trip to Washington—to the capital of the United States from the capital of Cuba—would prove more than the failing old statesman could stand, and Congress passed a special act enabling him to take the oath of office in Cuba. The trip of the judges to Havana is said to have been one of the pleasantest events of the time. Washington was as desolate and wind-blown a place in March, 1853, as it has been on every inauguration day since. And the company of citizens accompanying the judicial officials to the semi tropical city were consoled for their loss of the gaities of Washington by the fruits and summer breezes of Mr. King's haven of refuge.

Mr. King returned to the United States in April, 1853. He passed away at his estate in Alabama, April 18, 1853—the only United States official of rank who ever took the oath of office in a foreign land.

DECLARATION OF WAR.

It required just one minute and forty seconds to pass the following resolution declaring war by the House of Representatives last Monday afternoon. The Senate disposed of it almost as quickly. It was immediately sent to the President and at once received his signature. The resolution:

First, that war be, and the same is hereby declared to exist and that war has existed since the 21st day of April, A. D. 1898, including said day, between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain.

Second, that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States to such an extent as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

EACH STATE'S QUOTA.

The following table shows the number of soldiers each State will be expected to furnish to fill the quota of 100,000 men:

Alabama	2,000	New Hampshire	609
Arkansas	1,870	New Jersey	2,379
California	2,400	New York	10,011
Colorado	1,000	North Carolina	2,667
Connecticut	1,300	North Dakota	399
Delaware	378	Ohio	5,379
Florida	606	Oregon	385
Georgia	2,500	Pennsylvania	8,615
Idaho	180	Rhode Island	590
Illinois	[illegible]	South Dakota	1,000
Indiana	3,441	South Carolina	384
Iowa	[illegible]	Tennessee	2,443
Kansas	2,230	Texas	3,263
Kentucky	2,725	Utah	340
Louisiana	1,564	Vermont	564
Maine	1,066	Virginia	2,220
Maryland	1,454	Washington	382
Massachusetts	3,777	West Virginia	1,111
Michigan	[illegible]	Wisconsin	2,912
Minnesota	2,250	Wyoming	185
Mississippi	1,736	Arizona	245
Missouri	4,339	Dist. of Columbia	354
Montana	419	New Mexico	372
Nebraska	[illegible]	Oklahoma	314
Nevada	110		

BRYAN said in a recent speech that his party must stand on the Chicago platform. That platform was badly shattered in the campaign of 1896 and has been tossed hither and yon in these exciting war times and has two years more to beat against the waves of public opinion before another presidential campaign rolls around. It looks as though this old platform would hardly be fit for use unless reconstructed and built on an entirely new plan.

IT is a striking and interesting fact that the first year of the Presidential term of President McKinley is signalized by the exportation to Europe of American tin plate, whose manufacture in the United States was brought about by the high protection given to that industry by the law bearing his name and framed under his management as chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.—DuBois Courier.

Mrs. A. Iveson, residing at 720 Henry St., Alton, Ill., suffered with sciatic rheumatism for over eight months. She doctored for it nearly the whole of this time, using various remedies recommended by friends and was treated by the physicians, but received no relief. She then used one and a half bottles of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which effected a complete cure. This is published at her request, as she wants others similarly afflicted to know what cured her. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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The Democratic State convention at its recent meeting in Harrisburg, gulped down the entire Chicago platform, cheap money, repudiation, agrarianism and all, without even gagging, and then swallowed William J. Bryan for President in 1900, thus committing the party to all the worst features of the 40 cent dollar heresy.

It also took a shy at Harrity who was guilty of the unpardonable offense, as judged by the present Democratic leaders of the State, of having been conspicuous in leadership when the Democracy achieved its greatest modern victories in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the Union. Such a man could not but be an offense in the estimation of the present cheap money jingoes, who are waving the Democratic flag over the grave of every patriotic record and tradition of the past.

Having thus swallowed cheap money, repudiation, agrarianism and contempt of the courts, it kicked out the Democratic organization of this city, whose overwhelming election is not disputed by any fair-minded man, to give a full-honest rump leadership to Judge Gordon, who denounced the Chicago platform in the boldest terms and threw all his moral, if not his personal, power in favor of the election of McKinley over Bryan.

Thus we have the Democratic State committee starting out in the great campaign of 1898 by boldly indorsing a revolutionary platform and waving Harrity as a red flag, covered with gold bug blotches, to overthrow what little is left of the Democratic organization in Philadelphia. It tumbled into the embrace of Gordon, who taught everything that Harrity taught in 1896; who has never yet given an utterance in favor of Bryanism or the Chicago platform, and who shunned Bryan when he came to Philadelphia as the Democratic national candidate, and again when he made a recent visit to this city.

The committee also filed in under the leadership of Mr. Guffey as a candidate for governor, who was a gold bug Democrat in 1896, although not an open bolter, and whose financial views were changed only when cheap money and repudiation were adopted as the club by which Harrity should be brain clouted. We have seen many demi semi quavers in modern politics, but for tangled ground and lofty tumbling, the Garman-Guffey-Gordon outfit takes the cake.—Phila. Times.

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[illegible] corner of the Bradford and [illegible] road [illegible] Residence same.
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B. F. [illegible], [illegible] House, Nos. 59, 61 and 63 Fraley street. Residence same.
Kane Borough—Fourth Ward.
George [illegible], [illegible] Hotel, Nos. 125 and 128 Fraley street. Residence same.
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William L. Foster, Foster House, north side of Main street, or Public road, Lewis Run. Residence same.
Walter M. Haydn, Mountain House, north side of public highway leading from Hazelhurst to Bradford, and about 10 rods from the intersection of the highway leading from [illegible] to [illegible]. Residence same.
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Mt. Jewett Borough.
R. C. Cleveland, Bryant House, south side of [illegible] road. Residence same.
John H. Durr and George M. Fenstermaker, [illegible] House, south side of Main street. Residence same.
E. W. Long, Commercial Hotel, south side of Main street. Residence same.
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J. E. Goldsborough, Duke House, west side of Main street, Duke Center village. Residence same.
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Port Allegany Borough.
Andrew J. Connolly, Hotel Connolly, west side of Pearl street. Residence same.
Christie & King, Sartwell House, south side of Mill street, west of railroad crossing. Residence same.
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Smethport Borough.
Daniel Eaton, Chautauqua House, No. 101 north side of Main street. Residence same.
James McGuire, Grand Central Hotel, south side of Main street. Residence same.
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Eldred Borough.
John A. [illegible], [illegible] House, Railroad street, opposite the W. N. Y. & P. R'y depot. Residence Eldred borough.
Eldred Township.
Charles Adams, Chadwick House, opposite W. N. Y. & P. R'y depot at Larabee. Residence same.
Kane Borough—Second Ward.
Newton C. [illegible], [illegible] Restaurant, basement of the [illegible] Hotel, corner of Fraley and Field streets. Residence second ward.
Port Allegany Borough.
P. H. [illegible], Pearl Street Restaurant, southwest corner of Maple and Pearl streets. Residence Port Allegany borough.
J. D. [illegible], "Allegany" Restaurant, south side of Mill street, being No. 32 Mill street. Residence Port Allegany.
Smethport Borough.
Alfred H. Pierce, Jr., south side of Water street. Residence Smethport, Pa.
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Louis [illegible], No. 103 Main street. Residence Bradford city, Pa.
H. M. [illegible], No. 1-2 Mechanic street. Residence No. 55 [illegible] street.
Kane Borough—First Ward.
[illegible], Leonard Brick Block, on the west side of the south end of Fraley street. Residence Third ward.
Kane Borough—Second Ward.
Thomas [illegible] and John E. Healy, No. 72 Fraley street. Residence of Thomas [illegible] Fourth ward, of John E. Healy First ward.
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Charles [illegible], south side of Main street. Residence Mt. Jewett, Pa.

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Eldred Borough.
[illegible], west side of railroad. Residence Eldred borough, Pa.
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[illegible]
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GEO. W. [illegible], Clerk.
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We have the largest and finest stock in town. Look at our 15c hose. Good as 25c elsewhere.
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Stock complete. We have just added to our immense stock Ladies' Calico Wrappers. Ask to see our ready-made Pillow Cases, 36 inches long and 45 inches wide for 20c per pair. You will be surprised at the magnitude of our stock.
You wouldn't expect to catch a whale in a pond. The same instinct leads shrewd people to select goods where bargains are plentiful, where supplies are the largest and where prices are the lowest. Nowhere on the face of the earth do these conditions combine as at
D. C. YOUNG'S,
Apr. 27, 1898. Smethport, Pa.

Sweet's Baby Cabs.
The cabs that stand first in point of durability. The cabs that most mothers in this section have used for 15 years. Honest cabs—whatever the price you pay.
Novelty springs—patented—for ease.
Patent Parasol Rods.
Patent Brakes that operate with the foot.
Rubber-tired wheels—varnished reed bodies.
Your choice from fifty new styles—$6.00 up.
Chemical Factory Supplies.
We are making these supplies a specialty. Not anything that we know of is lacking. Not anything cheaper elsewhere. When anyone can serve you better than we can, let us know.
14 Kinds of Packing
Acetate Rakes—Mortox Hoes.
Brass Pipe—Brass Spelter Solder.
Copper Nails—No. 14 gauge Sheet Copper.
Oval Head Rivets—Copper Soldering.
All Brazing Materials.
Junk or Mill Board.
Brass Fittings—all sizes.
Rubber Paint.
The Paint that is known to last several times as long as common paint. A paint with rubber in it to keep it bright—to ward off the weather.
Tested for a dozen years in this section, and used by those who know paint best.
We have 20 colors and white.
Girdles & Belts.
We have brought in the best of Parisian styles in new belts and girdles. Not a store anywhere will this season show better styles.
This season's fashion calls for jewel settings, and our stock shows all the jewels that are popular. Belts—7 cts up.
Dinner Sets.
No store in this section attempts competition with this in the China line. We import direct. We are exclusive agents for Haviland. In Dinner Sets alone 100 styles are always on exhibit here. Prices $6.75 up. Whatever is new is here.
Incandescent
Burners—$1.00.
Not a cheap kind, but the best on the market—the Apollo. We have tested it a year, and we know that it gives the brightest, clearest, whitest light and the least heat of all.
Made specially for natural gas.
EMERY & WEAVER,
L. Emery, Jr., & Co., Bradford.

Where are We at?
Our Office is at
Smethport, McKean County, Pa.
BUT
We are with You if you wish to Buy
Lumber
Lath
Shingles
Siding
Flooring
Ceiling
Moulding
Doors
Windows
Screens
Glass
HOO-HOO.
Only a sample order will convince you that You're with Us,
Call and see us, or write us for quotations.
HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Elaborate Stocks

OF

SPRING GOODS

WASH FABRICS

Broderies.
Percales
Organdies
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Prints, Etc.

SHIRT WAISTS

We include the popular blouse effects.

FOOTWEAR

We modestly assert our stock is unmatched in this district.

Nowhere will you find

STYLES, VARIETIES AND PRICES

arranged in more pleasing combinations.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes.

Feb. 4, 1898. **Smethport, Pa.**

A
Lasting
Impression

is made by presenting your friend with your picture. But it must be a good one and to get a good one this is the place to come to. The light makes no difference—dark days just as good as bright ones.

If you want a good crayon, at better figures than agents can give you call on or address

"IKE" GLEASON, The Photgrapher.
Smethport, Pa.

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes.

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES; every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bloodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

Commence the New Year by Smoking

The American Gentleman Cigar.

You will never regret the good resolution you have started. For sale at all first-class cigar stands in Smethport and vicinity.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, APR. 29, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Plant your spring advertising.

—There is some talk of a new tailor shop in town.

—There are eleven star boarders in Castle Davis at present.

—"The musical click of the lawnmower is heard throughout the land."

—The Spanish Minister skipped to Canada to play Polo on neutral grounds.

—The MINER and Philadelphia Weekly Press, $1.50 per year, cash in advance.

—Coudersport young men are raising a company of soldiers to fight Spaniards.

—Borough lots are coming into demand. Several are being bargained for.

—Charles Bates is now doing service as high constable, Will Holder having resigned.

—The MINER and New York Weekly Tribune, $1.25 per year, cash, strictly in advance.

—Kane is raising a company of soldiers to go to the war. Attorney Ned Ryan is prime mover.

—*We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Andrew Reilly is quite ill at her home on Franklin street.*

—The MINER is under obligations to Hon. Thomas J. Edge at *Harrisburg* for favors rendered.

—The MINER and thrice-a-week edition of the New York World, $1.65 per year, cash in advance.

—J. H. Green of Colegrove will move into the Burbank residence, opposite H. C. Wells drug store.

—Read *Brasted's* new *advertisement* this week about ice cream soda. Everybody knows about Dan's soda.

—Fred McCoy is so proud of his new awning that he puts in *all of his* spare time viewing its many beauties.

—Prof. W. P. Eckels has been soliciting money to purchase a flag and staff to be placed on the school house grounds.

—W. B. Clarke is an artist in pen work. Wednesday he drew a beautiful miniature flag of Cuba for little Dewly Davis.

—The *citizens of Kane* are making praiseworthy efforts to induce the Chautauqua Roller Desk Works to locate at that place.

—A large delegation went *from* here to Bradford Tuesday night in order to view the departure of Company C Wednesday morning.

—F. A. *Gallup* orders the address of his MINER changed from Norwich to Smethport, he having assumed control of a farm in Irish hollow.

—War's cruel mandates have deprived the poor of another luxury. Spain having declared sulphur a contraband of war the poor cannot afford to indulge in the itch.

—Elk county had two hangings last Tuesday forenoon. Fred Rockwell and Patsey Banya bade adieu to this world and in part paid the debt of their heinous crimes.

—J. Colegrove, the popular merchant, has a change of advertisement this week. Mr. Colegrove calls special attention to dress goods. Give him a call and be satisfied that he is in line.

—Undoubtedly one of the best toasts on record was given by a printer, viz: "Woman—the fairest of Nature's work. The edition is large and no man should be without a copy."—Household.

—Some prowling Spaniard ran a snow up Marvin creek last week and raised the dam, causing a leak. Cy Barrett, with his usual promptness, went to damming it and soon had it in as good repair as ever.

[illegible] at the age of 70 years. The remains were taken to Bradford for interment Wednesday.

—Every family should take advantage of our extremely low clubbing offers and thus keep abreast with the stirring times. You will desire to hear from the front as to how goes the battle. Subscribe at once.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending April 23, 1898: Sol. Farr, Jno. Keenan, Ambrose McGrath, Joseph D. Ogden. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—At the request of a committee of which ex-Governor Morton of New York is chairman, Rev. T. R. Taylor will hold a patriotic service next Sunday evening. Subject, "The Duty of the Day." Patriotic hymns will be sung.

—D. C. Young has a broad gauge advertisement in this week's issue of the MINER. This old and reliable house needs little introduction to our many readers but do not fail to read of the rich bargains offered at this big store.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach next Sunday from the following subjects: In the morning, "The Ascension of Jesus; its History and Fruits. In the evening the second of a series of sermons to young people, "Joseph in Egypt, or Virtue Rewarded."

—The annual Diocesan Convention of the clergy and lay-delegates representing the various parishes will meet in Pittsburg during the second week in May. The delegates from St. Luke's church are Messrs. Fred Gallup, Orlo Hamlin, Paul Hamlin and Guy McCoy.

—The Italians working on the B., B & K. R'y are displaying their patriotism. They carry an American flag on their hand-car and have two small flags away up in the tops of maple trees at least 50 feet from the ground. Besides they say they will fight for old glory.

—Yesterday a *finely illustrated descriptive* work of our American Navy, published by Messrs. Belford, Middlebrook & Co., Chicago, Ill., reached our desk. It contains the finest reproduction from photographic work to be found anywhere. Price, 50 cents for a Portfolio.

—The editor does not contemplate the purchase of a new spring suit, yet he would like to see enough delinquents drop in to enable him to have his last summer's suit overhauled and half-soled.—Ebensburg Mountaineer. Unless something of that kind occurs here we shall be fully sold.

—The members of the Smethport Glee Club regret that they are unable to hold their Smoker this month. The club has sustained a great loss by many of its leading musicians being "called to the front" to fight the Spaniards with their "instruments of torture." The club's loss is Uncle Sam's gain.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday evening there will be a sermon on the subject of "Future Recognition." Services will be at 10 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. At the morning service there will be a sermon on "Civil Rulers as Instruments of God." Service and Sunday school at All Saints' chapel at 3 p. m.

—H. C. Wells in a conversation over the telephone with "Ike" Simons of Bradford last Tuesday was assured by that gentleman that he would keep a watchful eye over the boys that went from here and if any of them became homesick or got tired of the army life as musicians he would see that they got home safely.

—The remains of Kate Mahaney, a girl aged 16 years, were found in the river below Olean last Saturday. The cause is shrouded in mystery as the autopsy shows that death was not necessarily due to drowning as the lungs were fully inflated with air. There were no marks found upon the body that would indicate foul play.

—Report reached here last Saturday morning that the safe in the St. Elmo Hotel at Eldred had been blown open during the night and $150 in money, a check on the Louisville bank made payable to James McFarland and several gold watches were stolen. Thus far no clue has been discovered as to who the burglars were.

—There is some talk of abandoning the time honored practice of observing Memorial day at Smethport this year on account of a lack of funds. We hope that the patriotic citizens of Smethport will take steps to raise funds for this purpose.—Mt. Jewett News. The graves of the nation's dead in Rose Hill cemetery will be properly decorated on May 30.

—The May Ladies' Home Journal devotes four special pages to small-cost summer outings. One of the articles gives all the information about "Vacation Days on a House-Boat," another tells of "Comfort in Tent and Cabin;" a third details how to spend "Ten Weeks in Europe for $200," while the fourth treats of "Summer Pleasures for Suburban Places."

—Bradford Star: Lettie H. Foster, wife of Willard Foster, of Minard Run, died at her home at 5 o'clock Monday morning, aged 51 years. Cancer was the cause of her death, and she had been ill six months. Deceased was a most excellent Christian woman and her death is sincerely mourned by a large number of friends. Her husband and two daughters survive her.

—Bradford Maccabees will no doubt fall over one another in their hurry to enlist in the army as the K. O. T. M. has assured its many members that all who are killed in a war with Spain will have their policies paid to their beneficiaries the same as in times of peace. The Bradford Maccabees, by the way, could raise a small regiment of men among its dozen hundred of members.—Bradford Star.

—*Grocer* John W. Pratt has a crate of fine Spanish onions among the other goods displayed in front of his store. The sign on the crate announces that the onions are "from Spain," but any evil designs upon them are effectually *frustrated* by the presence of the American flag, under whose protection the "product of Spanish soil" reposes in supreme safety.—Olean Democrat. Mr. Pratt evidently believes that in "onion" there is strength.

—Judging by the following from the Hardwick Gazette, edited by C. O. Lapmon, formerly of Port Allegany, his sojourn in the Green Mountain State must have inoculated him with some of the spirit of 1876 as produced by Ethan Allen and General Stark: It will be "Yankee Doodle" and "Dixie" once again—but this time the old tunes will not be played in hostile camps. It is a union of hands, a union of hearts and the flag of our Union forever.

—The war spirit is quite rampant here but does not include everybody. The editor of this paper was out on the north hill for an hour on Sunday afternoon and two peace-at-any-price loving sisters across on the next hill waved flags of truce at him frantically for about fifteen minutes. "Blessed are the peace makers."—Westfield Free Press. Bro. Kimball, having unfortunately lost his good left arm in a "bar bout" some time ago, was compelled on this interesting occasion to surrender as he could not carry arms against superior numbers.

Glee Club a benefit for the G. A. R. Memorial Day fund will be given at Kitredge opera house, next Wednesday or Thursday evening. It is intended to make the event of a patriotic nature. Miss Bessie Taylor has kindly consented to be on hand with the boy drill which she presented so successfully at her recent entertainment. Much of the balance [illegible] be of a patriotic nature. The [illegible] of the program will consist of patriotic addresses by some of our [illegible] orators.

—There are a great many people who are using the double iron pipe supports under their verandas who will be surprised to learn that the use of these pipes is an infringement on the patent of H. H. Morgan. C. W. Carter of this city is sending out notices to the effect that those using the patent support are required to pay a royalty of $1.00 thereon or stand suit for a much larger sum. Mr. Carter, who has purchased the patent, has received papers from the patent office at Washington, showing that it has been duly issued and recorded.—Olean Democrat.

—A meeting will be held at the hose house on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a company of men for military instruction and drill. An urgent call is made to every man in Smethport and vicinity to attend this meeting, that the company *may start off* with a large membership. As our town boasts of several retired militia men and graduates of military schools, it is to be hoped that all will avail themselves of this opportunity to perfect themselves in this valuable training under good instruction that they may the more advantageously bear arms for their country in case of necessity.

—Parents ought to exercise more care in bringing up children. Look in any direction on any street and you will see boys and girls going around with stooped shoulders as though the weight of the whole world rested on their backs. How slovenly it appears to see a young person who ought to be as straight as a young pine walking along with a slip-shod gait, head leaned forward as though it was anxious to get there about a week ahead of the body, shoulders crowded forward until the chest is no broader than a populist's ideas and a sort of a don't-kick-me expression on a sallow, dyspeptic face. In some cases the parents are at fault, but when the child gets large enough to look into a mirror he or she should commence to rectify the errors of their parents by trying to appear more like human beings. Boys and girls, straighten up.

—Robert Graves, the popular restaurant keeper, has leased the Grand Central hotel for a period of two years with the privilege of ten, and will take possession of the house next Sunday. C. H. Doran, the present landlord, has decided to retire from the hotel business and may leave Olean. Mr. Doran has been engaged in the hotel business in this city for the past 16 years. He has, during his prolonged residence here been identified with nearly every movement which has tended to promote the city's interests. His departure from Olean, and that of his family, will be sincerely regretted by many. Mr. Graves, the new landlord, is an enterprising young business man and his friends are legion. He will have the hotel renovated throughout and generally improved, and will make a popular first-class $1.50 a day house of it.—Wednesday's Olean Times.

Prohibition Convention.

The McKean county Prohibition convention met in Mt. Jewett Tuesday. There were 34 regularly accredited delegates present from all parts of the county. W. H. Dennis of Bradford was elected chairman and J. H. Wood and Clifton DeFord of Kane were chosen secretaries.

George H. Lyon of Bradford, T. J. Birch of Kane and R. E. Scott of Kushequa were elected congressional conferees. W. W. Hague of Tidioute was nominated for representative of Congress by the conferees of McKean, Warren and Venango counties, who were present. S. M. Love of Rixford was nominated for coroner. W. H. Dennis of Bradford and Milton Craven of Kane were nominated for assembly. There was no nomination for county treasurer. An attempt was made to endorse Mr. Campbell, but without success, as Mr. Campbell very wisely refused to pledge himself to support the nominees of the Prohibition party.

Mrs. Washburn of Bradford was elected a member of the county committee to test the eligibility of women in that capacity.

A banquet was given the delegates in the evening by the W. C. T. U. of Mt. Jewett which was largely attended by Mt. Jewett people.

The convention was one of the most successful ever held in the county and the Prohibitionists are well pleased with the outcome of it.

Entered Into Rest.

Entered into rest on the morning of the 13th inst. in the seventeenth year of his age, Mahon Ole, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Tuttle of Coryville.

The fatal reaper has taken from a large circle of friends one of whom only good can be truly spoken. He was a young man of unblemished character whose sufferings, during a long illness, were endured with a patience which characterizes only true heroism. This silent suffering soothed until the last the fears of the dear family friends who were unceasingly devoted in ministering to his every want.

May this faithfulness be rewarded by peaceful blessing to heal the severe wounds made by their deeply felt loss, is the wish of a friend.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made and that, too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hamnick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

A Grand Offer.

The MINER and thrice a week World for the small sum of $1.65, strictly in advance. This gives you 208 papers a year for the above small sum. Send in your subscription at once and reap the benefit of this exceptionally low offer.

To-morrow there will be more pattern hats at Mrs. Reilly's Millinery Store. The season will be ushered in by a grand opening to-morrow. Don't fail to see the many new designs that will be on exhibition.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.
C. WILLARD & Co.
46-tf Olean, N. Y.

For Sale.

One of the prettiest Rambler bicycles in this section for sale at your own price. A1 condition, suitable for lady. Call at F. C. Pierce's dental office.

We have the only real [illegible]
H. C. WELLS.

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CUBA! Thou wast [illegible]
Because Liberty [illegible]
From [illegible]
The [illegible] American [illegible]

Refrain.

[illegible]

[illegible] for Weyler's liberty to [illegible]
To shed Spain's [illegible]
For Freedom [illegible] America.

Refrain.

Off! Where [illegible] themselves [illegible],
"Uncle Sam's [illegible] shall [illegible]!
[illegible]
Struggle, [illegible] and with Spanish Gold!

Refrain.

Thou proudly [illegible] thy flag,
Unfurl above the tyrant's rag!
The [illegible] of nations [illegible],
O thou! Lady [illegible] Island Gem!

Refrain.

Arouse! O Columbia!
Cure thou Spain's [illegible]!
Stay thou! The murd'rous fiend!
Drenching CUBA with Cuban blood!

Refrain.

—Sancho.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. T. A. Morrison went to Kane Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Backus visited Bradford Monday.

Miss Alice Thomas visited Straights this week.

Ed. Lonon had business in Bradford yesterday.

Guy McCoy went to Buffalo yesterday morning.

[illegible] transacted business in Buffalo Tuesday.

[illegible] Tom Ryan visited Warren on business Monday.

Mrs. S. D. Weaver was visiting Bradford friends yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Morrison spent Sunday with friends in Bradford.

Jas. A. McKean transacted business in Bradford yesterday.

Fred Gallup returned from a business visit to Bradford yesterday.

Mrs. Carrie Reilly was in Straights on a business mission last week.

A. J. Champlin of Larabee was transacting business in town yesterday.

John Troy of Olean the hustling insurance agent was in town yesterday.

J. F. Davis and J. W. Brennan transacted business in Bradford Tuesday.

Bert. Ryan spent Sunday with his parents here, returning to Kane Monday.

H. E. Tull departed for Kane Monday to coach the mountain base ball team.

Mrs. E. M. Kerns went to Buffalo Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. M. C. Peters.

Mrs. Albert Warren returned Tuesday from a visit with friends at Dansville, N. Y.

W. B. Brightman, one of Coudersport's prominent attorneys, was a most agreeable caller yesterday.

J. C. Cunningham returned last Friday evening from Wellsboro, where he attended a reunion of his old regiment.

Mrs. Henry Hamlin returned on Monday from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Rose, at Binghamton.

Miss Tina Howell came over from Bradford last Wednesday afternoon and was the guest of her sister Mrs. Leon K. Hogarth.

Judge Morrison attended the tenth annual meeting of the Charles J. Biddle Post, No. 238, G. A. R., at Kane Tuesday night.

Geo. Hyde and Leo Koenig made short work of the war. They returned from Bradford Wednesday to await further orders.

E. M. Kerns expects to become a bold soldier boy. While in Bradford this week he enlisted in the reserves of Company C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bouton started for Oil City last night. Saturday they will go from there to Philadelphia for a week's visit.

Mrs. E. J. Smith came over from Bradford Wednesday morning to remove the remains of her father, R. A. Cripper, to Bradford.

Attorneys J. W. Bouton and T. F. Richmond leave to-morrow for Philadelphia, where they have business in the Supreme Court.

Rev. Dr. Walker is spending the present week with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Flagg, of Buffalo. He will fill his pulpit next Sunday, returning on Saturday.

The genial Paul Johnston, traveling for Messrs. Johnston & Co. of Harrisburg, was in town Wednesday and of course was a pleasant caller at this office.

Thomas Clark and Commodore Pierce started up Potato creek yesterday morning with "blud in their eye," intending to capture the major portion of the trout in the stream.

J. F. Davis and W. H. Morrison went to Corydon last Friday on a fishing excursion. They had a most enjoyable time paddling around in the water and caught a fine mess of trout.

John Benstrom of Mt. Jewett was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office last Saturday. Mr. Benstrom had just returned from a three months' trip abroad, having spent most of that time in Sweden. It was a great pleasure to listen to his description of his trip and especially on the return voyage how keen a scrutiny was given to every vessel that came in sight. *He will* remain on this side of the herring pond for a while at least.

Claude LeFevre and J. C. Hyde left Monday morning for Bradford, and Tuesday night Ray Wolters, Garth Rumsey, Rudolph Sasse, Leo Koenig, Corte Corwin and Geo. Hyde departed for the same place with the intention of joining Company C on their way to Mt. Gretna. A large delegation of our townspeople went to the depot to give the boys a hearty good bye. Many of our young ladies were there and some returned with saddened features and tears twinkling in their eyes. The boys are all young and the experience of genuine soldier life in the field will be a revelation to all of them but it will be a lesson if properly learned that will be of infinite use to them in the battle of life. They have gone to offer their services and if need be their lives to their country. May the God of Battles spare them to return in perfect health and strength to their dear ones whom they have left behind.

Yank and Johnnie

The following verses will be highly appreciated by many veterans who met the gray in the late unpleasantness.

Kansas to Alabama.

Are you there, are you there, Alabam?
There seems to be a lot of trouble coming.
There's music in the air, Alabam;
The [illegible] of the fifes and the drumming,
[illegible]
And [illegible] fight them mighty hard,
Alabam.

Our old war [illegible], Alabam,
[illegible] spark of metal
[illegible] with Spain, Alabam,
[illegible] I would like to settle.
Can you march day and night
And outfight me in the fight,
Alabam?

If you should—if you should, Alabam,
My sunflower on your bosom I'll be pinning
[illegible] but I would—Alabam;
I'll honor both the boys and the winning.
Here's to you—here's to you,
And to what we both can do,
Alabam.

—F. F. Ware.

Alabama to Kansas.

Bet your life, bet your life, Kansas boy,
The Yankee and the Johnny are for Cuba;
Just hail me with your life, Kansas boy,
I'll answer with my Alabama tuba.
Count me in, count me in,
I am eager to begin.
Kansas boy.

Here's me hand, here's my hand, Kansas boy
The cotton-bloom to sunflower sends greeting;
On the ocean and the land Kansas boy,
Soon the grandsons and the dams will be meeting.
North and South, heart to heart,
Nevermore will fight apart.
Kansas boy.

Get your flag, get your flag, Kansas boy,
If you fall I will anchor it in glory;
'Tis not for me to brag, Kansas boy—
I fought for one—but that's another story.
[illegible]
[illegible]
Kansas boy.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sixteenth Regiment band played martial music, which increased the impressiveness of the departure. When the boys boarded the W. N. Y. & P. train that took them away a hundred whistles began to blow, the fire bell clanged and the enormous crowd cheered itself hoarse. It was a wonderful and beautiful sight and one which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

Bradford is seemingly being made the headquarters of a bold and desperate gang of burglars. For some time past there have been almost daily, or rather nightly, robberies committed and as yet the police have been utterly unable to get a trace of the thieves. Several nights ago the house of Rev. William Coonan, pastor of St. Bernard's Catholic church, was entered and a safe blown open. The reverend gentleman was awakened by the noise and immediately started down stairs. He was met at the foot by a man who commanded him to halt and when father Coonan continued to advance the burglar fired a revolver at him, fortunately sending the bullet wide of the mark. [illegible] The police are working hard to capture the gang.

Another phase of the law has developed in connection with the trouble over the selection of a school building site. Last week an article signed J. H. Steffens appeared in one of the local papers. Steffens is an architect of the firm of Steffens, Searles & Hirsch of Cleveland and in the article he made mention of Mr. Fullerton of Jamestown, architect, in a manner that that gentleman considers libelous. He accordingly issued a warrant for the arrest of Steffens on a charge of libel. Mr. Steffens was admitted to bail and given a hearing before Alderman Barlow on Saturday afternoon. The case was continued until to-day (Friday) at 3 p. m.

The city is covered with flags at present and presents a holiday appearance of patriotism. Nearly every building on Main street and the other principal streets has one or more flags flying over it. The different factories each display a starry banner, nearly all of which were bought with money contributed by the employees. The employees of the Erie railroad have hoisted a flag at the Elm street crossing and the shop men of the B., R. & P. raised a large flag Monday afternoon amid the tooting of all their engine whistles, the explosion of a large number of railroad torpedoes and the enthusiastic cheers of the men.

Preparations are already being made for the summer season at Rock City. This resort, it is thought, will some day be one of the most popular summer resorts in this part of the country. The hotel Bon Air, the biggest and most exclusive hotel on the Rocks, is to be still further improved by the erection of a dancing pavilion for the use of the guests. Twice a week an orchestra from this city will go to the Bon Air and play for dinner and afterwards for a hop. The members of the Orpheus Club expect to attend the first affair of this kind that is given.

A number of Bradford men were out of town Tuesday on more or less pleasant business. A large number of members of Tuna Valley Lodge, No. 411, I. O. O. F. attended the reunion of Odd Fellows at DuBois; a party took in the Ernie Lemons scrap at Buffalo, and two prominent young men attended the double hanging of Fred Rockwell and Patsy Banya at Ridgway.

The Pittsburg division of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R'y seems to be especially unlucky lately. Within less than two weeks three men have been killed on this division and last Friday afternoon Wayne Wise, who says his home is in Altoona, had his left leg cut off below the knee while attempting to board a B., R. & P. freight near Clearfield.

David Phillips and Miss May Van Wormer, two of the best known and most popular of Bradford's younger society set, were married at the Church of Ascension last evening at 6 o'clock. The wedding was a very swell affair and was attended by a large number of guests.

H. H. Adair, J. W. Willis and M. D. Harris, constituting a special committee of Board of School Control, are in Pittsburg where they are looking for good heating and ventilating apparatus for the new school building.

M. M. Steel of Chicago, who is at present in this city, presented Captain A. D. Burns of Company C with a very beautiful sash last Saturday. The sash is a relic of the civil war and has a very interesting history.

Kittie Conley of Olean, a niece of Mrs. J. F. Leonard of this city, was found drowned in the river at Olean Saturday evening.

Some Bradford parties will take stock in the Smethport window glass works.

LARABEE.

Last Thursday was the anniversary of the birth of two of our old and most respected citizens, Joseph Stull of this place and his brother, Jerome, of Coryville. About fifty of their near relatives, together with Jerome and their sisters, Mrs. Lorinda Young of Farmers Valley and Mrs. Mary Knoflund of Eldred, gathered at the residence of Joseph where the day was spent amid the sunshine of pleasant companionship, feasting and good cheer. Among the guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Young, Wm. A. Young, wife and children of Smethport.

Mrs. R. H. Green of Erie, who has been spending a few weeks with her mother, returned to her home Wednesday.

Ed. Adams and Albert Rice were very pleasantly entertained at Turtle Point Sunday.

J. H. Layton of Colegrove was shaking hands with his many friends here Monday.

Mrs. Halliday and children of Turtle Point visited Mrs. F. C. Crandall Friday.

Miss Linda Chall of Newell Creek was a pleasant caller in town Saturday.

Edwin Hibbard came up from State Line to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss Emma Adams visited friends in Eldred Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Katharine Salter transacted business in Port Allegany Friday.

H. S. Carpenter, Esq., was called to Smethport on business Friday.

James Phelin and son made a business trip to Olean Tuesday.

Mrs. [illegible] Crandall visited in Eldred Tuesday.

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McKean Co. W. C. T. U. Convention.

The thirteenth annual convention of the McKean Co. W. C. T. U. was held in the M. E. church at East Bradford Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22.

The church was beautifully decorated with blooming plants and flags. The stars and stripes were all about the platform and the [illegible] from the platform to the center [illegible] were arched folds of [illegible]. At the left [illegible] of the large sized portrait [illegible] Frances E. Willard, whose sweet, [illegible] the audience [illegible] work of the [illegible]. The portrait was [illegible]. To [illegible] the McKean Co. W. C. T. U. [illegible] its [illegible] prayers and of [illegible] loyalty.

The first session of the convention was opened at 10 a. m. with a devotional service. After reading of minutes, *reading of* minutes and reports of corresponding secretary and treasurer, a medal contest was held which, though a new departure, was a success. A memorial service was held by Mrs. C. H. Potts, corresponding secretary in which memorials of all the members of the W. C. T. U. in the county who had died during the past six months were read. After the devotional service of the afternoon session a Sunday school conference was held by Mrs. M. E. Robertson of Custer City, in which she urged the importance of teaching the temperance lesson in the Sunday school and of getting the members to sign the pledge. A paper on the heartless cruelty of women in wearing birds and feathers from birds which were slaughtered for that purpose in their hats and bonnets was read by Mrs. Hattie McAllister of Bradford. A discussion on non-alcoholic medication led by Mrs. E. D. Kane of Kane fully proved that the use of alcohol in the treatment of diseases and in surgical operations was not only useless but harmful. An instructive mothers' conference [illegible] by Mrs. M. T. Hutchins of [illegible] among other things she said [illegible] children on the streets at night [illegible] the consequences. A paper on Scientific Temperance Instruction was read by Mrs. A. W. Newell in which she said that 75 schools in New York State lost their State appropriation last year by not conforming with the law.

Thursday evening was occupied by the Y's who gave a very interesting entertainment, consisting of the address of welcome and response, excellent music and well selected and executed recitations.

The most instructive feature of Friday morning's session was a bible reading by Mrs. Ella Boole, from the last part of the 9th and first part of the 10th chapter of Matthew.

Friday afternoon two minute addresses were given by the local presidents of the county telling of the work which their respective unions were doing.

Mrs. M. E. Richmond of Smethport proposed that the Co. W. C. T. U. raise funds to assist such relatives of the inmates of the county house as wished to give them a decent burial instead of having their bodies disposed of according to the inhuman law of this commonwealth until said law is modified or repealed. Mrs. Richmond's proposal was made a motion and carried.

A very able paper on woman's suffrage was read by Mrs. Bertha Howe of Bradford in which she said that for a time all reforms in this country would have to give place to the war with Spain, and that she could not see the justice of bringing the evils and suffering of war upon the women of our country without their having a voice in its declaration.

Mrs. Ida Chapman gave an excellent talk to the school children during which she said that since the Maine was destroyed the liquor traffic had consumed thirty times her value and destroyed thirty times as many lives as were lost in her destruction.

Friday evening Mrs. Ella Boole, vice president of New York State W. C. T. U., gave one of her stirring addresses on the liquor question to a good-sized audience, her subject being "Props That Hold."

In the illness and absence of Mrs. H. E. Chambers, the honored and beloved county president, Mrs. E. D. Kane, vice president, very ably presided at the convention. Greetings of love and sympathy were sent to Mrs. H. E. Chambers, Mrs. M. E. Davis and Mrs. D. R. Stewart.

The convention was visited by quite a large delegation of the New York State W. C. T. U. from Limestone.

The convention was well received by the pastors and people of East Bradford and the delegates were generously and hospitably entertained.

From Alaska.

Lake Linderman, March 16, 1898.

DEAR EDITOR:—I have been a long time in getting started to write you a letter but I have been so busy in many ways that almost every minute of my time is taken up, so you will well understand how easy it has been for me to delay writing to you. To go back to the morning I left Smethport and give you an account of the whole trip would take almost as long as it has been since I saw you, so I will not attempt any such task.

I have had a very pleasant journey with the exception of the night the S. S. Queen was aground and the following day when the sea was very rough and I was deathly seasick. The wind blew such a gale that it was almost impossible to stay on deck and the brine was blowing in a sheet so that if one stayed on deck it would wet them through. So I went to my stateroom and before I was there many minutes I was so sick that I did not care how things went and every time the ship would heave I would follow suit and you can just bet I played trump cards. You were never seasick, were you? If you never were you never want to be. It is very disagreeable to say the least of it. However I got over it all right and have been in good health ever since. We sailed from Seattle on February 4th and landed in Dyea on the 10th and the voyage was very good for the season of the year. I am very sorry that I cannot *tell you more about it, but really it is impossible.* I will tell you about this trip until you can't rest when I see you.

To give you a description of the trail from Dyea here would also take a week. It is a very rough road, and there are wonderful sights all along the way. The Chilcoot pass, which is 19 miles on this side of Dyea and 11 miles from Linderman, is a wonderful sight. I mean to tell you that it is 20 miles from here to Dyea and that we are 11 miles on this side of the pass. The Chilcoot is a little over ¾ of a mile from bottom to top and it is steeper than any flight of stairs. In fact it is so steep that one has to keep hold of a rope that is strung from bottom to summit to keep from slipping. It is covered with many feet of snow and as everything is carried on the backs of men they have worn steps in the snow. It is quite a task to go up, but when on the top the thought comes to you about coming down. It is impossible to walk down and if you try to go down holding onto the rope your mittens freeze so you can't hold the rope, and then there is just one way left to come down. The snow is quite hard and all the packers slide down, consequently there is a trench or trough worn in the snow so all one has to do is to sit down in the trough and in a very short time you are down. It requires no small amount of nerve to take a seat in this trench, as a look down puts the scare in a tender-foot. When on the summit a man at the bottom looks like a mere child and when once in the slide there is nothing to do but go. I cannot tell you how fast one goes, neither can I give you any idea of the peculiar sensation that comes over a fellow on his first slide down the Chilcoot.

It is not every day that the packers can carry freight over the summit as they have some very severe storms, but on good days there is a continuous line of men carrying provisions, etc., up the pass. Just as soon as one fellow goes up a step another steps in; and it is just so from early morning until night. When coming up the trail from Sheep Camp to the summit when one comes in sight of the pass the packers going up just look like a black line they are so close together.

At the foot of the summit wood is worth 30 a cord and coffee 25 cents a cup. It costs 2 cents a pound to get freight taken up to the summit, but men make good wages at it although it is very hard work and they go home hungry and wet every night.

All of our goods are on the summit and we are going to bring them down ourselves. I have two loads down now and stand the packet all right. I am quite a worker when I get started although when you consider the time of morning I used to go down to breakfast you would never suspect it, would you? I never feel very tired and it don't make me a particle sore. I am satisfied that I will stand the trip all right and am just as contented as one under similar circumstances could well be. It is not like being in Smethport where everything is right, but the conditions are no worse than I expected and I am going to [illegible] myself at least I can make it. [illegible] in Smethport I [illegible] think of the [illegible] when I left. There is nothing that could turn me back. I always think that many of the boys I left behind [illegible] I have been [illegible] and I feel more confident than ever that I will make it, and I expect that I will come back with at least enough to live it over to home.

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[illegible]

and. [illegible] I will like to [illegible] from Lake [illegible] to Dawson [illegible] provided my boat [illegible] be some time [illegible] I am going out shooting [illegible] There are some [illegible] the size of partridges, perfectly white, which are very good to eat and easy to shoot, so I will just put on my snow-shoes and go get some.

This is a terrible day. I never saw such a storm. I have to get out every now and then and shovel the snow off the tent so that it wont cave in. The snow blows in such clouds that it is impossible to see where you go out, and the snow blows into my clothes so that I am perfectly white every time I come in.

Bob is getting supper and says it is almost ready, so I will say good bye for this time.

Yours Fraternally,
ROBERT HAMILTON.

Letter From Chili.

CONCEPCION, CHILI, March 22, 1898.

EDITOR MINER:—If I adhere to my resolution of writing once a month, I must be up and at it. I believe my last letter gave an account of the Christmas doings, but as for that my Xmas seems to be continued as I am still receiving belated Xmas gifts from home.

As you will recollect in my previous letter I mentioned the fact that conference was to be held here in Concepcion and it is now a thing of the past. Conference opened February 21, and on that evening the entire conference, 35 in number, were invited to the girl's college for dinner and to meet Bishop Warren. The tables were laid in the form of an "X" and in the center I made a pyramid of fruit which was much admired. On Tuesday, Feb. 22, occurred the bishop's reception. The large parlors were beautifully decorated with American and Chilian flags and in honor of the day I arranged a beautiful basket of "red white and blue" flowers which received much attention. All the Americans present wore a knot of our national colors, which was presented by the Epworth League under whose auspices the reception was held. Then we had a patriotic address by the bishop and response by Rev. LaFetra, and some very fine music and this part of the program was closed by singing "America" with a will, after which ice cream and cake was served.

On Sunday at 3:30 p. m. the Junior League and others who were willing to be Juniors enjoyed a rare treat. There were addresses by the bishop, Revs. LaFetra and Harrington and Mrs. Wilson, and some very fine music.

On Thursday evening the bishop gave a very fine lecture on "The Forces of Light," which was much enjoyed by all, and on Sunday evening his sermon on "The Power of God" will not soon be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to hear it.

Very few changes were made, consequently no one "held their breath" as to their appointment. Rev. P. E. Cappett and wife, Rev. H. B. Kloster and wife and Miss Alice Richards are to go to the United States on a furlough. One new worker has come to us. On March 1st we began school and up to date have the largest enrollment yet known and it is expected that the college will be crowded. The boys' college has also a great many students.

The gospel work is very encouraging. One new church was dedicated during the bishop's stay here and the site for another purchased. The conference statistics showed a gratifying increase in the membership and so we enter hopefully upon the new year.

By the pattering of the rain upon the roof we are *made sensible of the near approach of* old winter—not "with its chilly blasts," but with its everlasting rain; and besides the rain it ushers in the reign of chilblains. But with all its rain we are never without flowers and my school garden is blooming as well as my room window. I am glad that my *life line has been cast in a land of flowers* and wish you could all enjoy them as much as I do. *Crops* are excellent. Wheat is the principal grain raised; next corn, barley, oats. What would you think of a farm of over 4,000 acres? Yet we have that kind here.

Wishing you a delightful summer, I am,
ADDA BURCH.

PROGRAMME

Of Memorial Day Services May 30, 1898, of McKean Post, No. 347, G. A. R.

President of the Day—J. M. McElroy.
Orator—Dr. I. T. Walker.

COMMITTEES.

Executive—H. M. Choate, J. M. McElroy, T. A. Morrison, H. L. Burlingame, B. F. Wright.
Invitation—T. A. Morrison, Ralph Burdick, W. H. Morrison, S. B. Lindsley.
Reception—Jonathan Colegrove, W. P. Eckels, Bert Olson, F. A. Brownell.
Speakers—H. L. Burlingame, Charles Lemmler, Dr. John Clark, C. A. Burdick.
Music—J. M. McElroy, Dr. H. L. McCoy, Jos. W. Bouton, Guy B. Mayo, N. H. Knapp.
Flowers and Decoration—Woman's Relief Corps, No. 23, A. B. Pierce, B. F. Wright, S. G. Bush, W. B. Clarke, T. F. Hungiville.
Finance—H. M. Choate, Guy McCoy, Ralph Gleason, A. W. Mitchell, Geo. Brownell.
Cemetery—Rose Hill, Wm. Grigsby, Emil Thumm, S. G. Bush; Bush Hill, Orla Brink, M. O'Reilly, Walter Ostrander; Colegrove, W. H. Hiltz, Jonathan Colegrove; Farmers Valley, James A. Howard, Wm. Caskey, J. Henderson; Smith, William Brockham, W. H. Curtis; Kasson, J. M. Robinson, H. T. Sawyer.

PARADE.

Marshal—H. L. Burlingame.
Aides—Dr. Burg Chadwick, Dr. J. C. Brown, Dr. H. L. McCoy, Dr. John Clark, James A. McKean, Charles McKean, T. F. Richmond, Jas. McGuire, Dan Bacon, Ralph Burdick, Geo. W. Mitchell, T. H. Morrison, Paul Hamlin, Guy B. Mayo, S. B. Lindsley, Orlo Hamlin, Leon Hogarth, A. L. Colegrove, J. C. Backus, E. T. Daly, E. M. Kerns, H. C. Wells, T. H. Purtle, Al Peirce, Jr., J. B. Eastman, Worley Gifford, T. Garity, Fred Gallup, Frank Sartwell, Sheridan Gorton, S. D. Weaver, J. F. Davis, W. B. Clarke.

PROCESSION.

will form on Main street, right resting on Church street, at 1:30 p. m. and will move in the following order:

Marshal and Aides,
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McKean Post, No. 347, G. A. R.,
Civic Societies,
Smethport Hose Company,
President and Orator of the Day.

Route—Main to Mechanic to Cemetery; return Cemetery to Nelson to Main to court house.

EXERCISES.

Cemetery—Post Ritual, strewing of flowers.
Court House—Prayer Rev. T. R. Taylor, public exercises by the Post, music by Smethport Glee Club.
Address—President of the Day.
Oration—Orator of the Day.
Music—Smethport Glee Club, "America," by the audience.
Benediction—Rev. J. Heber McCandless.

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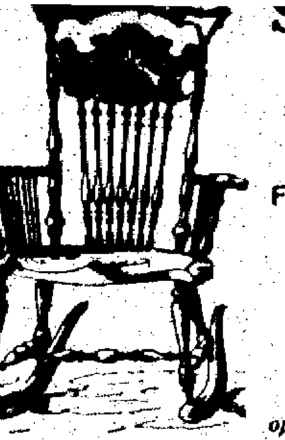

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[illegible] SPECIMENS OF HUMANITY ARE RAMAPO MOUNTAINEERS.

Albinos of the Milkiest Haired and Pinkest Eyed Variety Are Common Among Them—They Are the Best Hunters and Fishermen In the Land.

People who have never been up in the Ramapo mountains can have little idea of how strange a race of people live back in those high and rocky hills, miles from any village, and with not a cut of road by which their huts may be reached by wagons. In other words, it is not generally known that within 25 miles of the heart of New York city there is a community as curious almost as can be found in the remote mountain regions of Tennessee or North Carolina. It is a sort of lost tribe, or, rather, an amalgamation of two lost tribes.

If one can imagine what sort of beings would result from more than a century of intermarrying of American Indians and Guinea negroes, with an occasional dash of white blood added to the mixture, he may form a notion of the people that live back in the rugged hills that rise about Suffern, Ramapo, Sloatsburg, Woodburn, Tuxedo and other places in the Ramapo valley. But it would take a pretty brisk imagination to picture some of the queer specimens of humanity that have resulted from this mixture.

Albinos of the milkiest haired and pinkest eyed variety are common, and the dime museums recruit their curio halls in that line from among these mountaineers, as did the great and only Barnum before them.

Back in the last century and during the first quarter of the present century slaves were common in that part of New York state and the adjacent region of New Jersey. These slaves were treated little better by their old Dutch masters than were their fellow bondsmen in the south. They were worked long and hard, and the lash was not spared. Consequently runaway slaves were many. These runaways invariably sought the fastnesses of the surrounding mountains.

It is a very difficult thing to make one's way up and among the Ramapo mountains even at this day, and it was almost an impossibility in the slavery days. As a result, when a negro once succeeded in hiding there he was as safe from recapture as if he had gone to Canada, although he might be within sight and sound of his master's home. Scores of runaways in time peopled the inaccessible hills, and in the spots where they threw up their first shelter, huts made of bark or fallen trees or found refuge in caves their descendants dwell today.

The woods had their Indian dwellers already, and the two races mingled. These are the strange people who are seen now and then in the little villages along the Erie railway in Rockland and the adjoining towns of Bergen and Orange counties, and whose homes are far back in the hills. A characteristic of these people is that the names of the old Dutch families in which the original blacks were slaves have been retained by them, generation after generation. The most numerous family of this clan goes by the name of De Groat. But there are De Freeses, Van Hoevens and many other Des and Vans.

In the summer time you might climb and clamber and stumble up the steep sides and over the rocky summits of the Ramapo mountains all day and not see a solitary sign of a habitation, although there would be many on all sides of you. They are so deftly tucked in among the rocks and hidden by the trees and foliage that only one acquainted with the ways of the mountaineers could find them. In the fall, when the trees are bare, the huts stand revealed to any who may pass that way, and such are few, for although there is no better ruffed grouse shooting anywhere than in these mountain fastnesses the weary climbing necessary to get to the haunts of those birds is more than the average sportsman cares to undergo.

There is no ground that might grow anything about any of these huts; not a chicken or a fowl of any kind; not even a pig. But there are dogs without number—mongrel, wolfish looking dogs, such as might hang about Indian camps—and always from one to half a dozen half naked, eerie, elfish looking children, who, at sight or sound of a stranger, scamper to cover in the hut, in the brush or among the rocks, disappearing as completely as a startled brood of young quail.

How do these people subsist? They are the best hunters and fishermen in the land, and game and trout are abundant all about them. They hunt and snare grouse and rabbits and catch trout for the market during the season. The women and children pick berries. For the products of the forest, streams and berry patches these people obtain store goods at the villages, both the luxuries and the necessaries—the latter being chiefly whisky and tobacco, the former flour, meal and cheap dress goods. For their own home providing the possum and the coon are plentiful at their very doors, and the chicken coops of the outlying farms and villages are not entirely inaccessible. Now and then a De Groat or Van Somebody-or-other will hire out to do work by the day, but he is looked upon by his fellow mountaineers as a degenerate. Some of the female children grow to be extremely handsome and shapely young women, but it is rare that there are any marriages among these people outside of their own race.—New York Sun.

A MODEL WIFE.

She Wore Black In Memory of Her Unmarried Predecessor.

Michael asked her to be "his'n," and she had made up her mind that she had "worked out" long enough anyway. So she accepted him. She was perfectly satisfied with her place, but she wanted to have a house of her own. So they were married.

It wasn't long afterward that she came back to see her former mistress in deep mourning, and the latter noticed that she was wearing mourning. Of course she was sorry for her and was slightly surprised that she made no mention of her bereavement. It is, indeed, a serious thing when a honeymoon is cut short.

Finally the former mistress brought up the subject herself.

"You are in mourning, Maggie," she remarked.

"Yes," replied Maggie complacently and with no show of feeling at all. "I thought it was the least I could do."

"It is showing me more than proper respect, of course. I am very sorry. It must have been a great shock."

"What shock?" exclaimed Maggie in surprise. Then as she grasped the idea she went on, "Oh, he ain't dead," with the accent on "he."

"You haven't lost your husband?"

Maggie shook her head.

"Then why are you in such deep mourning?"

"That's to please the poor lad," answered Maggie. "You see, it's this way," she went on when she had decided to tell the story. "After we was married he comes to me, an he says, 'Maggie,' he says, 'the poor woman niver had anybody to put on mournin for her, an I dunno that she's been treated right,' he says. 'Who?' says I. 'Me first wife,' says he. 'She was all alone in the world, excepting for me,' he says, 'an had no wimmen folks to wear mournin for her.' And so I says to him, 'I'll do it for the poor woman,' I says, and I done it."

The best of it is that the story is [illegible].—Chicago Post.

[illegible] temperature of [illegible] 24 degrees, that [illegible]

FASHIONS IN TEARS.

Strange as It May Seem, There Are Modes Even In Weeping.

Fashions change even in spiritual matters, and it has been decreed that it is no longer a subject of pathetic interest for women to weep.

These tender lines of Kingsley,

For men must work
And women must weep,
And there's little to do,
But many to keep
Though the harbor bar be moaning,

are still true enough when applied to the men who go down to the sea in ships and to the wives, daughters and sweethearts who wait and watch for them. But to the women in town and country the edict has gone forth, "Weep no more." The day has passed when the big, sad eyes, ready to send forth a flood of tears on the slightest provocation, can prove an effective weapon against refractory man. He knows too much about it. It is useful to a woman as a relief to her nervous system—any physician can tell her that it has its physiological benefits—but masculinity cannot be subdued by these moist methods. When she begins to show the old fashioned signs of distress, man cruelly interferes: "Now, don't cry. It makes your nose red and your eyes ugly. It won't change me." Or if he is especially coarse he will shout: "For heaven's sake, stop that crying game unless you want to get rid of me! I won't stand it."

A woman enjoys crying. The wise man is aware of this and is never heartless enough to attempt stopping a source of pleasure. But it is one more reason why he is not affected by her tears. If they arise from bodily pain or intense mental suffering, he is all sympathy, but the hysterical overflow that can be produced on an instant's notice, that seems to be on tap—because her dress doesn't fit in one particular or she lacks a dime to complete one especial purchase—does not now excite his interest.

When a man cries, it is from the diaphragm, and the sobs give him actual physical pain. His sex fellows know this and can sympathize with him. But women cry from the chest or throat without the slightest effort, and men know that too. The old German proverb, "Nothing dries sooner than a tear," must have been written by a man who had had experience with the wiles of weeping women. There is a quaint old English poem that gives a list of the various evil spirits that infest this world and inflict injury upon more or less undeserving mortals, and concludes with the startling statement that "a weeping woman with two black eyes is the wickedest devil of them all."

The principal point for the consideration of woman is that when she must have her "good, comfortable cry" she should take her consolation privately. When not in the presence of unsympathizing man, she may even forget to cry, and if she remembers there is a possibility that she will forget the cause of her lachrymose desires, and smiles may soon chase away the tears as they did in childish years. If the sex has reformed in this respect, man need not claim the credit. It is a busy, bustling age, in the cities at least, and there women have learned to be wise, earnest and strong, as factors in the daily life of a world that demands the best efforts from them. They are responding bravely and intelligently, and there is no time left for crying.—Philadelphia Times.

ARTISTIC DINNER GIVING.

The Ideal Dinner Has a Simple Menu and a Perfect Service.

The ideal dinner company is never large. Six has been said to be the magic number, but eight and even ten are perfectly manageable, both in the matter of smooth service and in the higher harmonies. Do not confine your choice to intimate friends, but add to their pleasure and your own the fresh experience of meeting new spirits, whose congeniality you have divined.

A really artistic dinner, it is the writer's conviction, should never exceed four courses, including the coffee. The scheme of the dinner is that each dish shall be perfect, worthy of the palate and of the appetite, enjoyed to the full for its merits, and not trifled with and instantly forgotten. The second point in importance is that a dish shall be as attractive in appearance as it is perfect in flavor, that it should be placed upon the table as an added enjoyment and hospitably served by host or hostess. The third point, also of importance, is that a dinner should be seasonable—not an anticipation of season—for every chosen article should be at its very best. A lean, half shriveled January tomato, which has ill borne its travels, is but a forlorn apology for the plump and luscious summer product—certainly not suited for an "artistic" appearance.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in Woman's Home Companion.

A Florida Frost.

[illegible] in Florida, when the thermometer had [illegible] in the eighties, says [illegible] in The Atlantic, the wind [illegible] into the north and [illegible] in a night.

[illegible] aspiring fa[illegible] when the [illegible] came, with an abrupt overcasting of the sky—a whiff like the breath of [illegible]—the wind blew [illegible] and before we [illegible] how it was our teeth were [illegible]. It seemed unbelievable, but presently there was no doubt that a January norther was upon us two months out of season. When we realized this, we set all hands at work to earth over the half grown potato vines. Only a few hours of the day were left, but the men worked desperately with hoes and plows through the bleak twilight, and much was done, but not all. When we came out, shivering, in the first daybreak, we saw that our short harvest was to be lamentably shortened.

We perceived now at last how it was with us. We were not farming, but gambling with the elements. The climate had been merely toying with us, a trump card of spring frosts lying in its sleeve.

Bicycle Shoe Clerk Loses a Customer.

A [illegible] employed a young [illegible] who had been in the [illegible] so long that he [illegible] lady called at the [illegible] of shoes.

"I want a pair of shoes," she remarked [illegible].

"What [illegible] required," bowing.

"Sir?"

"I mean what size."

"A [illegible]."

"Which [illegible], what [illegible]?"

"A [illegible], I think."

"Do you like the high and—the high necks?"

"Just medium."

He got the shoe she seemed to want, and after fitting it carefully remarked absentmindedly:

"You can wear loose bloomers with that frame, and it will never puncture. Keep it well greased, and"—

The lady called for another clerk.—Denver Times.

English Women Smokers.

A New York society woman who has a long line of social connections in England said in discussing the smoking habit among women over there, about which so much has been printed lately: "English women whom I have received in my home—and I receive many—almost without exception smoke. It is not a giggling matter with them, as it still is with our women, to some extent. It is a matter of course." And the cigarette habit is growing fast in feminine circles here. If you don't believe it, inquire in the stores where "specially made for women" articles are sold. Smokers' outfits for all sorts and conditions of womankind are now on sale, most of the high priced ones being imported from dear old London.—New York Letter.

FALSE TEETH TRADE.

A REGULAR BUSINESS IN BUYING AND SELLING THEM.

Sometimes the Discarded Sets Are Cleaned, Brightened Up and Resold, and Sometimes They Are Broken Up For the Old Gold In Them.

"Old False Teeth Bought."

This is the sign which attracts the attention of visitors to the office of a certain dealer in dental and optical supplies who does business in Chicago.

"It's queer how people are attracted by that sign," said the owner of the establishment. "I never intended it to be prominent, because there are other lines in my business I am more interested in pushing, but it seems to fairly force itself into the minds of everybody who comes here, so matter what his mission may be, and 'old false teeth bought' is the only thing they can think or talk about.

"There's nothing audacious in dealing in secondhand false teeth, although I will admit the sign is an unusual one. It is a legitimate branch of our trade. With ordinary usage false teeth don't wear out and are just as good at the end of a few years as they were when new. The teeth themselves are valuable, and the gold work used in binding even the commonplace kind together is costly. People are forever getting new ideas about their teeth and keep the dentists busy changing or building over their artificial molars. Then, you remember that a whole lot of people who wear false teeth are dying every day.

"Ten years ago there was no way of utilizing this old material. It was all dead waste, so to speak. But now it is different, and people are more economical. False teeth, especially if heavily set with gold plates, are worth too much money to be cast aside when new ones are ordered or to be buried in a grave. Thus it comes that a trade of considerable proportions has sprung up in this line, and old false teeth are a staple in this market."

"Who brings them here to sell and what class of customers buy them?"

"Small dentists who are hard up financially and lack the inclination or facilities to clean up and build over the discarded sets, which they are sharp enough to retain from their patrons, are the main source of supply. Sometimes they make their patrons a little allowance for the old sets of teeth, but they get out of this whenever possible on the plea that they are worthless. Then we have poor folk who cannot afford to wear false teeth any longer come in here occasionally and offer them for sale. Undertakers? Well, that is a feature of the trade I don't care to talk about. I might be misunderstood, and some people are so squeamish, you know.

"Why, one woman came in here yesterday to buy an opera glass. She looked like a good customer and was inspecting some high priced glasses when I stopped to wait upon a man who frequently brings in some fine teeth. She saw me take a set from him and pay for them, and then, noticing probably his somber clothes and an end of black crape sticking out of one of his side pockets, she flounced away in a fury without a word of explanation. It is hard to please everybody, and as times are hard I have to be very careful."

"But what about your sales? Who takes these old grinders and incisors from you?"

"Principally a class of men who make a business of working over the sets. When the outfit is in reasonably good shape, it is given a thorough cleansing, brightened up, and then resold to dentists who have a cheap patronage. A little tinkering will make them fit after a fashion in the mouths of people who want to make a show of false teeth at small cost. Where the sets are not good enough to be used entire they are broken up, the gold either melted down or saved to be remodeled, and the teeth themselves remounted as they are needed for patients. It's a good thing for poor people, for many of them are thus enabled to get passably fair false teeth at a nominal price, when otherwise they would have to go without, owing to the great expense. Excuse me while I wait upon this woman."

When The Inter Ocean man left the establishment the merchant was dickering with an ample proportioned African "aunty" for a double set of teeth with heavy gold plates, which she said she had found in a hotel where she worked as chambermaid.

"Der gemman' don' go to 'at 'ospital," said aunty. "E's wuz so sick when, dey tak' 'im way he don' clar forgot 'is teet', an' I doan' 'spec' he'll wan' 'em any more. Steal 'em? No, sah! no, sah! Boss, 's say 'tak' ole truck 'way. I doan' want 'em 'round 'ere.' Ole truck—umph, umph—why, dat's jis' like findin fivo dollahs."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

To Suppress Sweating.

A large number of the best women of Syracuse, those identified with clubs and those not so organized, have united in a movement to suppress the sweating system, so far as it exists in Syracuse. A consumers' league has been formed and co-operation with the trades assembly is hoped for. The movement originated with the Political Equality club and was speedily indorsed by the Household Economic association, and from this start has spread through many club and social circles of Syracuse. The league is formed on the lines of the New York and Philadelphia organizations.

A French physician who has been investigating the proper nutriment for long distance bicycle riding has concluded that the ideal refreshment is fruit and milk.

In Paris the chairs in the squares and gardens are let out to visitors for a trifle each. From this source an income of 150,000 francs a year is derived.

Twenty [illegible] H. J. Warren, a druggist [illegible] Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a [illegible] supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were [illegible] in this section; today Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household [illegible]." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have [illegible] else. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Mrs. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says: "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying most all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." As a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. today; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

The farmer, the mechanic and the bicycle rider are liable to unexpected cuts and bruises. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the best thing to keep on hand. It heals quickly, and is a well known cure for piles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

It is a great leap from the old fashioned doses of blue-mass and nauseous physics to the pleasant little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure constipation, sick headache and biliousness. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

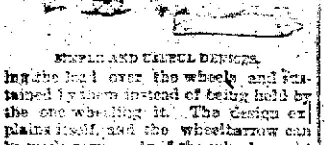
FARM & GARDEN

FARM CONVENIENCES

Designed to Be Inexpensive, Easily Made and Efficient.

A number of [illegible] contrivances [illegible] about the farm [illegible] grated in the [illegible].

One of these [illegible] wheelbarrow. It is made from [illegible] two hind wheels of a [illegible] on which has [illegible] wheelbarrow has the advantage of having the load over the wheels and sustained by them instead of being held by the one wheeling it. The design explains itself, and the wheelbarrow can be made very easily if the wheels are at hand.

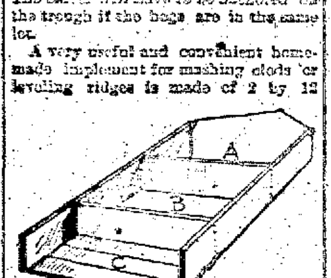


SIMPLE AND USEFUL DEVICES.

A device for watering hogs which is semi-automatic in its operation is constructed as follows: A barrel is set on a small trough made out of fence boards, and a plug an inch and one-half in size that is long enough to reach down about half the depth of the trough (a vinegar faucet will answer), with a half inch hole bored through it, is inserted in the bottom. While the barrel is being filled the lower hole is closed by a stopper, the barrel filled at the top and the top hole plugged up tight and the lower plug removed, when the trough will fill to a certain point and remain so as long as there is any water in the barrel.

As a found an old washpan with the bottom cut may be tacked on the head of the barrel directly over the hole. The barrel will have to be anchored on the trough if the hogs are in the same lot.

A very useful and convenient homemade implement for mashing clods or leveling ridges is made of 2 by 12 planks in the manner indicated by the illustration. It is weighted sufficiently to accomplish the work necessary and in accordance with the strength of the team pulling it. When it passes over a high place in the field, the surplus dirt and clods will gather in recesses A and B, and when it passes over a low place it will dump them, and section C will smooth the surface.



GOOD FOR LEVELING.

Experience With a Stave Silo.

At a convention of Indiana farmers an Indianapolis man gave his experience with a stave silo, which he much preferred to the square. He built the round one 10 feet 6 inches in diameter, 19 feet high, holding about 25 tons. The earth excavated for a foundation he threw inside, making the bottom concave, with a four inch drop to center. The foundation was laid with bricks in a mortar of cement and lime. He doweled five staves together and set them up, bracing them, and then added a stave at a time, using half of flour barrel staves as cleats to hold the staves temporarily in position. Six iron hoops one-eighth by 3 inches had bolts at each end, which passed through an upright oak scantling 4 by 4 inches, and, being provided with nuts, could be tightened at will. The staves are cemented inside and cut on the foundation, making it airtight. A round shingle roof protects it against rain. Holes are cut between the hoops for doors, and these are covered with tar paper before filling. The cost was a little over $60, staves costing $25 per 1,000. Cedar staves would cost twice as much. In distributing the ensilage, he uses a conductor made of bags which reaches to the bottom and can be moved round by a boy. He covers with boards and tar paper.

Professor Smith of Michigan said he had come to the conclusion not to cover at all.

Overheating Manure.

"Fire fanging" of manure is destructive, and although it is a well known occurrence in manure heaps some farmers do not try to prevent or suppress it. As the Philadelphia Record explains, it is simply overheating of the manure due to rapid decomposition, a large proportion of the ammonia being liberated and lost. When fire fanging occurs, drive a crowbar into the heap in several places and pour in cold water. What is better, wet the manure and turn the heap over, adding dry earth and plaster, placing the coarse portions of the manure in the center. Cold water absorbs ammonia and prevents its escape, and unless it is used much of the volatile ammonia will escape while the manure is being handled. The heap should not be kept wet, however, but slightly damp, which will promote decomposition, but overheating may always be controlled by cold water.

Clover Meal.

Clover hay has appeared in the market in the form of clover meal. This clover meal finds special favor in pig feeding where it is popularly used as an addition to skimmilk. It is also scalded and used for calves. This clover meal when scalded becomes soft and swells and has been found very wholesome and nutritious as well as highly relished by young stock.

A Sure Thing for You.

A transaction in which you cannot lose is a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c, 25c, 50c. Sample and booklet free. All druggists.

English Spavin Liniment removes all hard, soft or calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavins, curbs, splints, sweeney, ring-bone, stifles, sprains, all swollen throats, coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful blemish cure ever known. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed.

T. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

[illegible] by Woodford's [illegible] never fail. [illegible] Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

FERTILIZERS ON CELERY.

[illegible]

The [illegible] of the [illegible] plants in each plat, the weight of fertilizer applied to each and the weight of the average plants in each are reported. Brief notes are given of the behavior of the plants under different modes of treatment. Plants from some of the plats are figured.

The results of this test are summed up by the authors as follows: "All these records show that wood ashes gave the best results, although a combination of nitrate of soda, South Carolina rock and sulphate of potash promises to do well. Muriate of potash excelled the sulphate. Nitrate of soda alone gave poor returns. The check (no fertilizer) plats were not worth the growing."

Chemical analyses of the soil and of an average plant from each plat are given in tabular form. Nitrates were found in appreciable quantities in plants fertilized with nitrate of soda and in those fertilized with nitrate of soda, sulphate of potash and South Carolina rock. Phosphoric acid and lime were fairly constant in all the plants. Potash was the most variable constituent. With one marked exception a greater percentage of potash was found in the plants fertilized with it than in those not so fertilized. In some samples there seemed to be evidence that potash was partially replaced by soda. The soil was found to show no acidity and to contain a high percentage of nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid. The phosphoric acid was in a very available condition, but the potash was practically all unavailable, which the author says "seems to explain the excellent results which were obtained from the wood ashes."

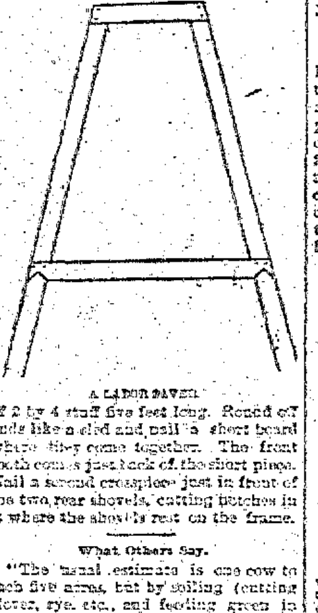
Saving Soil Moisture.

It has been decided at the Kansas station: "(1) That a layer of finely pulverized soil only three-fourths of an inch thick had no marked influence on the rate of evaporation. (2) That a mulch two inches thick checks evaporation most effectively, but that evaporation proceeds at so rapid a rate from bare soil that a mulch to be most useful must be promptly applied. (3) That the rate of evaporation from sandy soil is less than that from one less sandy, when both are kept constantly wet, but if allowed to dry the sandy soil becomes much drier. (4) That neither salt, gypsum, lime nor magnesium chloride exerts any beneficial effect in checking evaporation from the soil, the evaporation being practically the same as from untreated soil."

Point 4 does not agree with the generally accepted notion that salt helps to save or increase soil moisture.

For Hauling a Hand Cultivator.

A correspondent sends to The Farm Journal a cut of a sled he uses for transporting his hand cultivator from field to field. It is made of two pieces of 2 by 4 stuff five feet long. Round off ends like a sled and nail a short board where they come together. The front tooth comes just back of the short piece. Nail a second crosspiece just in front of the two rear shovels, cutting notches in it where the shovels rest on the frame.



A LABOR SAVER.

What Others Say.

"The usual estimate is one cow to each five acres, but by soiling (cutting clover, rye, etc., and feeding green in stable) and by using the silo one cow to three acres may be kept or even more," says an exchange.

A correspondent of The New England Homestead finds that the statement that planting strictly sound seed on new ground and avoiding manure from stock fed on scabby potatoes is a sure preventive of potato scab is at fault and not strictly true.

From the Massachusetts station the Wallridge, Lauver and Old Beni apples are reported as promising varieties for New England.

Salamander, Champion Spring and Summer, Black Seeded Simpson and Silver Ball are standard varieties of lettuce recommended by Rural New Yorker for the summer market.

Some people don't like clover in a lawn, but it is a capital thing for dry weather and stiff or clayey ground. In mixing the grass seed, if you sift a lot of ordinarily moist mellow loam and mix this with it, it prevents the clover seed from falling to the bottom of the heap and holds it equally distributed among the grass seed, says William Falconer in Gardening.

American Securities Abroad.

The sales of American securities have been, according to London advices, very large [illegible] of late. If this state of things holds, there will be an increasing inflow of British gold into this market. This demonstrates the faith abroad in the stability of our credit. There is another point of faith for which the people not only of this but foreign countries have good grounds for credence, and that is belief in the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters for intestinal maladies which affect the stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and nerves. Dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation and rheumatism are conquered by it. It hastens convalescence and diffuses a generous warmth and sensation of physical comfort through the system.

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Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New Great South American Kidney Cure. This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist, Smethport, Pa.

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Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. [illegible] Cascarets Candy Cathartic clean [illegible]

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THE ROAD.

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[illegible] the bracken I dare
[illegible] and the thought
[illegible] all the air
In silence thrill to-night.

[illegible] of scarred trees! How soft
The wind dreams round their tall heads swept!
The dreamy leaves that drum aloft
Stir like a child in sleep.

[illegible] autumn's fire begins to burn,
The leaves to hurl at winter's brow,
The gun wood leaves sigh low and turn
To crimson on the bough.

Pray, whither leads the road, fair heart?
Say, whither leads the road?
Across a rill, around a hill,
Beside a dell where rivers start,
Where laughing nut trees shed their load,
Oh, thither leads the road, my heart,
Oh, thither leads the road!
—John Albert Macy in Chap Book.

GREEN BADGES OF COURAGE.

Sashes Worn by Army Surgeons and Their History.

A great many people do not know why army surgeons wear green sashes. It is not so much an insignia of rank as it is a protection to the wearer. According to the code of war, surgeons are never shot or taken prisoners. To deliberately shoot a surgeon while he is wearing his sash is considered a violation of the code, punishable by death.

Because of this provision surgeons of one army never refuse to look after the wounded of the other army if it is possible for them to do so. During the civil war it was often the case that after a battle the field hospitals would contain almost an equal number of men dressed in blue and gray. The Federal army had the best surgeons and the best stores, and a wounded Confederate considered himself in great luck if he was removed to a Federal hospital to be cared for by Federal surgeons and physicians.

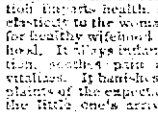
But in the heat of battle a green sash is not much protection, and surgeons were often wounded or killed. But this did not keep the surgeons at the rear until the battle was over. They were often found in the thick of the fray, dressing wounds and sending the wounded to the rear. Theirs was a perilous as well as a noble duty, and they performed it well.—Omaha World-Herald.

The Schoolyard.

To spend large sums of money on architectural facades and stone carvings of historic ornaments—which have but little attraction for children—to make a school building look like a palace and then to leave the schoolyard looking like a desert or the top of a bituminous lake without a single attractive flower or one bit of beauty, are inconsistencies which seem possible only in the modern system of education. Weather beaten houses in the country, log cabins of the frontiers, railroad stations in the great American desert and all over our country have their beautiful flower gardens, and it refreshes one's heart to see them, but there is no such source of refreshment, inspiration and instruction which children, by being educated in the essentials.—Henry Lurgan Clapp in Popular Science Monthly.

Lessen Your Wants.

More of the true enjoyment of life lies in this maxim than is generally thought. We may indeed go to extremes and cut off the quick, like that cynic philosopher who threw away his wooden cup on seeing a vagrant boy drink from the hollow of his hand. But the truth is we create many of our own necessities, and with the growth of luxury new wants come in, not by ones, nor by tens, but by hundreds.—New York Ledger.



"YES OR NO." When a young woman answers "yes" to the impetuous wooing of an honorable and ambitious young man, it depends largely upon her health whether she will be a happy or an unhappy wife. A young wife who suffers from weakness and disease of the delicate and important organs that are distinctly feminine is sure to fail of happy wifehood. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription imparts health, strength, virility and elasticity to the womanly organism. It fits for healthy wifehood and capable motherhood. It allays inflammation, heals ulceration, soothes pain and invigorates and vitalizes. It banishes the nausea and complaints of the expectant period and makes the little one's arrival easy and almost painless. It insures baby's health and a bountiful supply of nourishment. Thousands of homes that for years had only needed the added tie of a baby to make them happy now resound with the laughter of happy, healthy childhood, as a result of the use of this remedy. Over 90,000 women have testified to its marvelous results in writing.

This wonderful medicine is the discovery of an eminent and skillful specialist, Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the great Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. By writing to Dr. Pierce, ailing women can secure the free advice of a specialist who has treated more women than any other physician in the world, and avoid the disgusting examinations and local treatment insisted upon by obscure doctors. The "Favorite Prescription" is sold by all good medicine dealers.

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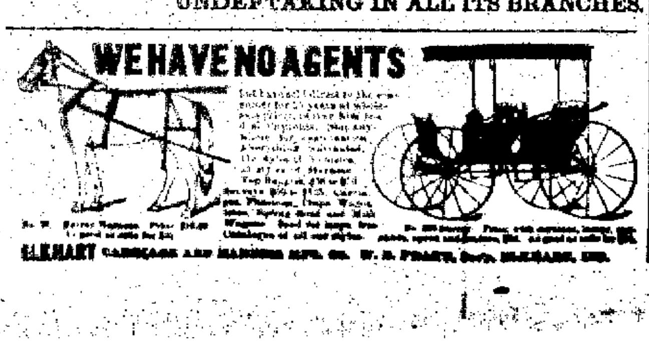

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In effect April 18, 1897.

Trains leave Smethport for Larrabee [illegible] Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and [illegible] as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible]
Mail, daily except Sunday, [illegible]
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday [illegible]
*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] at Olean with River Division for [illegible] Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south.

*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Clermont Acc'tion daily ex Sunday [illegible]
*Clermont Local connects through to [illegible]

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south.

Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible]
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at [illegible]

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 28, 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION. EASTWARD.

8:26 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] New York [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] Washington [illegible] Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m.; Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:50 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. week days ([illegible] a. m. on Sundays); Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington, and passenger coaches from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. [illegible]

WESTWARD.

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THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

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LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST BOUND.

8:10 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Orchard Park, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

2:10 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

4:25 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily—For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND.

7:57 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R. TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1897.

1	3	5	STATIONS.	2	4	6
am.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar. Dp.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
8:55	2:20	7:50	Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8:35	2:02	7:32	Cowley June.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8:22	1:50	7:20	Austin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	1:37	6:56	Costello	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	1:26	6:48	Wharton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	1:17	6:38	Logue	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	1:06	6:27	Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	12:45	6:08	Cross Fork Jc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	12:05	5:34	Germania	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	12:00	5:20	Galeton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	10:45	4:25	Gaines	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	10:10	3:50	Ansonia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
a. m.	p.m.	p.m.	Dp. Ar.	p. m.	p.m.	p.m.
a m	p.m	p.m	Cross Fork Br.	a m	p m	p m
7:30	12:45	4:30	Ar Cr Fk Jc. Dp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6:30	11:25	3:00	Dp Cross Fk Ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, Nov. 1, 1896.

AR. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	LV. WESTW'D.		
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.
8.55	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.25	7.21	2.00	Crowell's	7.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.35	.....	1.56	Carpenter's	.....	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.25	7.10	1.55	Perkins	7.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.27	7.15	1.50	B. & S. Junc'n	7.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.02	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.07	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.55	7.01	1.36	Raymond's	8.07	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.15	6.50	1.23	Seven Bridg's	8.16	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.10	6.46	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.29	[illegible]	[illegible]
.....	6.30	1.00		8.41	[illegible]	[illegible]
4.45	7.37	12.55	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.49	.....	12.51	Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.30	7.48	12.41	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.25	.....	12.35	Knowlton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.21	7.36	12.28	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.12	7.31	12.22	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.05	.....	12.17	Coleman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	Dep't. Arrive	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.

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To take effect at 5 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 9, 1897.

South			Stations		North	
2:21	.....		Clermont		[illegible]	
[illegible]	.....		Chatham		[illegible]	
[illegible]	.....		Wildwood		[illegible]	
3:01	.....		North Fork		[illegible]	
3:11	.....		Kay Fork		[illegible]	
3:14	.....		Gray Gables		[illegible]	
3:30	7:40	Ar / Lv	St. Marys	Lv / Ar	[illegible]	[illegible]
3:33	7:43		Kaul		[illegible]	[illegible]
3:42	7:51		Detsch		[illegible]	[illegible]
3:48	7:58		Groll		[illegible]	[illegible]
3:56	8:06		Gillen		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:10	8:10		Paine		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:08	8:15		Centreville		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:14	8:20		Dagus Crossing		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:24	8:30		Shelvey Summit		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:33	8:36		Cunco		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:35	8:40		Thompson		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:39	8:43		Curry		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:44	8:49		Brandy Camp		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:46	8:51		Ellon		[illegible]	[illegible]
4:50	8:55		Hyde		[illegible]	[illegible]
5:10	9:10		Shawmut		[illegible]	[illegible]
p m	a.m.				[illegible]	[illegible]

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Time Table taking Effect Nov. 28th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

8:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:00 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:05 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train [illegible] for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

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